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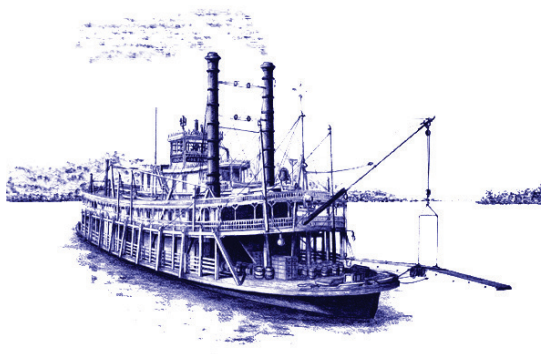

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May asks commissioners for help with flooding

BY BOB DEMAREE

Concerned over flooding in the Audubon Park subdivision, County Council member Dwayne May approached the County Commissioners at their meeting on Thursday seeking solutions to drainage issues in that neighborhood.

The subdivision, located north of Hutchinson Lane and west of Michigan Road, has had drainage problems for approximately 12 years since a previous project to correct severe drainage issues there, said May.

"It solved a lot of the issues," said May. However he said there are homes in the northern part of the subdivision — along Quail Drive — that continue be affected by flooding. "If they get any substantial rain in a short amount of time, it's just a pond back there."

He said the flooding creates both health hazards — such as mold and bacteria — as well as structural damage in homes. "It's heartbreaking to see people living in those kinds of conditions."

May said he was approaching the Commissioners as the first step in finishing the work of correcting the drainage issues that remain in the northern part of the Audubon Park subdivision.

Commissioner Bobby Little said he thinks part of the problem is a creek to the north of the subdivision that fills up with debris and prevents drainage to reach the culverts along Hutchinson Lane.

Tim Torrance, who has resided on Quail Drive about 22 years, said the water rolls in off a farm field behind the subdivision and it has no place to go, and "continues to roll in our back yard. We need help alleviating the water from coming in from the field. I don't have the time, money or manpower" to know the solution and "we need outside help. Whatever can be done would be greatly appreciated from those of us that have lived with this problem."

Commissioner David Bramer said the county is in the midst of developing a stormwater management plan for the county. "To get funding, you've got to have a plan." He said once that plan is completed, the county can apply for grant funding to help relieve water drainage issues in troubled areas — not just the Audubon Park subdivision but throughout the county.

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RAINBOW REDEDICATION

Bob Demaree

A rededication for Hanover's Rainbow Park was held Saturday unveiling the new playground equipment, new basketball goal, soccer net and a walking path around the park as well as a newly paved parking area. The project received financial support from the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County and Nucor Tubular Products. Participating in the ribbon cutting were (from left) town council members Benjamin Sommer, Kenny Garrett and Treva Shelton, Bill Barnes, president and CEO of the Community Foundation, Hanover Parks director Scott Davidson, Hanover parks groundskeeper Daniel Thornton, Hanover Parks event coordinator Megan Varble with daughters Charlotte and Livy Varble and Hanover town council president Debbie Kroger.

Bob Demaree

Livy Varble (left) and Charlotte Varble enjoy the new swings at Rainbow Park in Hanover.

Bob Demaree

Hanover town council members Kenny Garrett and Treva Shelton prepare hamburgers that were provided for everyone attending Saturday's ribbon-cutting for the Rainbow Park rededication.

Redevelopment OKs $50K more for Destination Madison

Funds will cover change orders

BY BOB DEMAREE

With Destination Madison parking projects nearing completion, $50,000 in final funding was approved by Madison's Redevelopment Commission at its meeting on Friday.

Tony Steinhardt III, the city's economic development director, said the Mulberry Street Arts Corridor project, the U.S. 421 Gateway Park project and the Main Street Comfort Station parking are slated to be nearly completed by Memorial Day weekend with final touches by the middle of June.

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Hanover's grant for park improvements may be short due to cost increases

BY BOB DEMAREE

Cost increases for materials and labor could leave Hanover short of enough funds to make all of the improvements proposed at Hanover Community Park when work begins this summer funded by a matching Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.

The town put together its wish list in 2021 and applied for and received fund in the amount of $574,412 — $287,206 from the Land and Water Conservation

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JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

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Ricky Joe Forwalt Jr., 31, Madison, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Level 6 felony; and on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (probation violation). Bond $5,000 cash.

Crissy Ann Jackson, 43, no address listed, on a Jefferson County bench warrant (probation violation on 2016 dealing in methamphetamine and conspiracy to deal in methamphetamine-2 counts each). Bond $10,000 cash.

Carlos Dewayne Smith Jr., 34, Hanover, on two Jefferson County arrest warrants (resisting law enforcement, methamphetamine possession, arson, theft, obstruction of justice). Combined bond $5,000 cash.

May 5, 2023

Chance Jaden Tony Hacker, 24, Commiskey, Indiana, awaiting sentencing for Child Solicitation and Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, both Level 4 felonies. Bond $30,000 cash.

May 6, 2023

Christina Ann Leon, 37, Madison, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

May 7, 2023

Leslie Robert Webster, 44, Madison, for Theft-Shoplifting-Value of Property $750 to $50,000, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR/ CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

May 4, 2023

Aaron Jasper Lewis, 38, Madison, to amended charge of Criminal Recklessness With a Deadly Weapon, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 202 days served and 338 days suspended for supervised probation with community corrections plus $685 in fees and court costs. Upon successful completion of probation, state will not object to defendant filing petition to modify felony conviction to a misdemeanor.

Daniel Wayne Steelman, 39, Madison, to amended charges of Possession of a Narcotic Drug, a Level 6 felony; and Criminal Mischief, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, on the felony and zero days jail on the misdemeanor. Felony sentence suspended for 730 days supervised probation with community corrections consecutive to previously sentenced probation plus $885 in fees and court costs and an amount of restitution to be determined to Erica Robbins.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

May 4, 2023

Tapeacock LLC to Robinson Outdoors LLC, 112.35 acres at 4800 and 5000 North Dixenford Road, Paris Crossing.

Rebecca S. Dean to Tapeacock LLC, 80 two parcels totaling 94 acres at 3100 North 1250 West., Deputy.

Heather L. Finnegan and Heather L. Burress to Thomas Aaron Finnegan, 1220 North Borcherding Road, Madison.

Calvin Daughtery to John Strong and Teresa Strong, 6.67 acres at 3950 East Thornton Road, Madison.

Wilford Wayne Lewis to Joyce M. Lewis, 3.8 acres at 7944 East Brushy Fork Road, Madison.

Joyce M. Lewis to Wilford Wayne Lewis, 1.1 acres at 4054 China Manville Road, Madison.

Timothy Peacock to Dylan Michael Dean, to 722 Walnut Street, Madison.

Joseph B. Staublin to Roger D. Gallatin, 310 Hillcrest Drive, Madison.

Larry R. Ford Sr., Larry Robert Ford and Jeffery Robert Ford Sr. to Larry R. Ford Sr. and Larry Robert Ford, to Larry R. Ford Sr. and Larry Robert Ford, 14.76 acres of 60 acre parcel at 6069 West 500 North, Madison.

Larry R. Ford Sr. and Larry Robert Ford to Rachel E. Jones, 14.76 acres of 60 acre parcel at 6069 West 500 North, Madison.

BIRTHDAYS

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Big Dig

Mark Campbell

Contractors are currently busy installing stormwater sewers on Ferry Street in downtown Madison as part of an Indiana Department of Transportation project to improve drainage on State Road 62 on the east end of the city.

County opens next round of Revolving Loan Funds

With $29,800 currently available in Jefferson County's Revolving Loan Fund, applications are now open for another round of awards to small businesses.

Erica Cline, grant administrator for the county, said the Jefferson County Commissioners will determine how many and what businesses will will be awarded loans from the funds that are available.

Cline told Commissioners at their meeting on Thursday that she likes what the RLF has done for businesses throughout the county. "I enjoy whenever you pick those small businesses because I get to see firsthand how it's changing some people's lives. It's a great thing for the community and it's a way for them to repay it as well. They're getting a gift" from the Commissioners. "It's a huge gift. It's zero interest. You can't find loans like that now."

She noted that when the businesses repay their loans, the money can then go back "into a fund so that it's able to be re-gifted again" and that the "is actually impacting people in the community that I live in."

The economic development plan that uses the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) was established by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

Applicants must be small businesses in Jefferson County that were negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Jefferson County RLF, which is overseen by the Jefferson County Commissioners, is focused on assisting small businesses with low-to-moderate income level employees and prioritizes businesses that are owned by veterans, minorities and/or women.

Qualifications include the business must have one or more low to moderate income employees and be an established and profitable business since 2019.

The long terms and conditions are for a four-year term with no interest with the loan forgiven after two years of successful and timely monthly payments. Eligible expenses include rent/utilities/mortgage, payroll/production/inventory expenses, and expenses related to the pandemic.

Ineligible businesses include 501©(3) and municipalities, any small business that has received COVID-19 relief funds from OCRA and any small business outside of Jefferson County.

Applications for the current round of loans are due by noon on Friday, June 2, with awards announced Thursday, June 15. Applications can be mailed or dropped off to the Jefferson County Courthouse, Commissioners Office: Attention Erica Cline, 300 East Main Street, Room 103, Madison, Indiana 47250.

GRANT

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Fund matched by $287,206 from the town and its sources. However, as the project gets closer to its launch, the costs for the work looks to be coming in higher than what was originally anticipated.

Rick Schnebelt provided an overview at Tuesday meeting of Hanover Town Council on what the costs are now anticipated to be — all more than what was projected during the grant application process in 2021.

"We're now in 2023 dealing with the price differences," said Schnebelt, who is overseeing implementation of the town's grant project.

The grant provides for a 50% match by the town, meaning the town is contributing $287,206 while the National Park Service is paying $287,206. However, if the actual costs end up being more than that amount, the responsibility for paying the difference would be all on the town and all projects must be completed by September 2025.

Schnebelt said the original $526,245.96 in projected costs could likely cost $582,995.76 now, which includes adding $56,750 in engineering fees to Midwestern Engineers Inc. Schnebelt anticipates the town is likely to end up approximately 10% over budget and will need to reach out to other entities for support or scale back some projects.

In fact, the latest higher cost estimates come after previously taking out some elements of the proposed improvements compared to the original proposal submitted to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The costs for the various projects are yet to be finalized, but Schnebelt said the estimated cost for field lights could end up being $92,735.76 ($76,000 was originally budgeted), the construction of officials/scorers buildings with restrooms might end up being $189,510 ($111,660 was originally budgeted), and the cost for constructing new trails at the park could be $54,000 ($48,840 was originally budgeted).

Another uncertainty is the cost of refurbishing the tennis courts, which Schnebelt estimated at $190,000 but bids are due Friday so that actual cost won't be known until then. The bids are scheduled to be opened by the Hanover board at a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday. The original estimate was $80,682.20 but that was only for resurfacing the courts and prior to a decision the board made to totally refurbish the courts due to safety concerns with the current tennis courts.

Council member Treva Shelton expressed concern over what the board might do if bids come in even higher than predictions.

Schnebelt said that while he fully supports refurbishing the tennis courts, he thinks they should be done after completion of the other projects.

He noted there are 498 children signed up for Hanover youth programs this summer, and "with the amount of people we're going to have in here for that, I think our focus should have been on that. That's my opinion."

Schnebelt said if the priority was changed on refurbishing the tennis courts earlier in the process there might have been an opportunity to pursue other resources in time to begin with that project. "I think we could have talked to someone else for helping out with the tennis courts at the end to help fund what we were going to be short," he noted.

Town council president Debbie Kroger said her reason for supporting refurbishing the tennis courts goes back to when a decision was made to take out the pool that had been at the park. "I know what it was like getting rid of the pool," said Kroger, who said she was on the town council at the time that decision was made. "Getting rid of that pool upset the whole community and everybody talked about if we don't have the money at the end to do the tennis courts, then we'll just have to bulldoze them, and I don't want that."

"I want these tennis courts done," Schnebelt said. " I'm not fighting against it" but it's a matter of being aware of the money that's available and reaching out to other entities to assist with funding. "I think we need to do the tennis courts; I just thought there was a different way to do it."

"Not a bit of this is set in stone," said Schnebelt, noting the overall plans are not yet finalized, but some aspect are essential to the grant. He said the trails must be prioritized because they are a key component of the grant money the town will be receiving. Schnebelt also added that the project must meet the federal government standards when the work is completed in order for the town to be reimbursed for the grant money, which won't be paid until after work is done and passes inspection.

"I want to do this the very best way we can do it, and the most economically," said Schnebelt.

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Hoosier Lotto: 19-26-29-31-32-36 (5/6). Next Estimated Jackpot: $16.7 million. Next Drawing (5/10).
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MEGAMILLIONS
16-18-28-42-43 MB: 11, MP x3 (5/5). Next Jackpot: $83 million. Next Drawing (5/9)

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Temperature: High 76, Low 58, Mean 69.0, Deficit 3.4
Precipitation since last published: 2.05
Precipitation, May 2023: 2.05
Precipitation, 2023: 22.00
Barometer: 29.78, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 428.2, Rising
Forecast: Wednesday: Partly cloudy High 82/Low 61; Thursday: Partly cloudy High 82/Low 61; Friday: Thunderstorms High 78/Low 65.

OBITUARIES

Keith Kimmel

Keith Allison Kimmel, 76, of Madison, Indiana, died Friday, May 5, 2023, at his home in Madison after battling lung and liver cancer.

He was born on March 5, 1947, in Madison, to Jeptha Kimmel and Mary Sue Bearden Kimmel Yater. He graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 1965, where he played football. He was raised Catholic and lived in Jefferson County, Indiana, all of his life. He graduated from Hanover College in 1969 with a bachelor's in management and operations, and played football in college and was a member of Lamda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He was inducted into the US Army in 1969 and served until being honorably discharged from the National Guard in 1975. He married Dottie "Junior" Vawter and they had a son and a daughter. He later had a son with Lois Miller. He had co-owned with Gayle Mefford, Indiana Heavy and Specialized Carrier for several years. He then worked with Grote Industries in Madison. He married Brenda Conard Wehner on Feb. 11, 1989, in Madison, and they blended their families together. He had worked for Riverside Contracting and Excavating since 2007 and until recently served as safety director. He was a life member of Madison Elks Lodge No. 524 where he served as a past Exalted Ruler and was a life member of Madison VFW Post 1969 and had been a past member of Major Samuel Woodfill Madison Post No. 9 of the American Legion. He loved fishing, hunting, camping, traveling and playing golf and was known for his hard work and enjoying life.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Brenda Kimmel of Madison; his children, Brian Kimmel of Parker, Colorado, Sean Kimmel of Farmville, Virginia, Jill McEldowney of Fishers, Indiana and stepson Thomas F. Wehner Jr. of Hanover, Indiana; his brothers, George Kimmel of Las Vegas, Jep Kimmel of Ohio and Joe Kimmel of Florida; and six grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 12, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will follow at a later date in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison. Visitation is 4 p.m. until the time of service on Friday at the funeral home. A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Madison Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Teresa Jester

Teresa Mae Peebles Jester, 65, of Madison, Indiana, died Saturday, May 6, 2023 at St. Elizabeth Dearborn Hospital in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Barbara McClanahan

Barbara Ann Hall McClanahan, 83, of Deputy, Indiana, died Sunday, May 7, 2023, at her home.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Eleanor Aldred

Eleanor Jean Wiley Aldred, 93, of Fort Wayne, Indiana and formerly of Switzerland County, Indiana, died Friday, May 5, 2023, at the Lutheran Life Villages in Fort Wayne.

She was born on March 27, 1930, in Switzerland County, Indiana, to William Hubert and Hazel A. Cole Wiley. She was raised in Fairview and East Enterprise, Indiana, and was a 1948 graduate of Vevay High School. She married Allen Wayne Aldred on Sept. 1, 1951, at Mt. Sterling and they had four children. She graduated nursing school at Bethesda Hospital in 1951 and was employed as a registered nurse for Methodist Hospital. She was a former member of the Aberdeen and East Enterprise United Methodist Churches, and most recently a member of The Chapel in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed wintering in St. Pete Beach, Florida, spending time with her family and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Kathy Lee of Carrollton, Texas and Marcia Cismowski, of Ft. Wayne; a son, Dr. Keith Aldred of Plano, Texas; a brother, Elijah "Snookie" Wiley of Jasper, Indiana; and eight grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 72 years on March 26, 2017; a son, Dr. Stephen Aldred; and a brother, Ronald L. Wiley.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay. Interment will follow in the Vevay Cemetery there. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne and noon until the time of service on Saturday at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Chapel in Fort Wayne, Indiana or Humane Fort Wayne through the funeral home. Online condolences, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Lissie Wheat

Lissie Ann Wheat, 58, of Madison, Indiana, died Friday, May 5, 2023, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison.

She was born on Oct. 11, 1964, in Fairfield, Illinois, to Victor Virgil and Wanda Louise Ray Wheat. She was raised in Michigan and lived for a time in Florida and worked as a cashier in Avon Park, Florida, for Walmart for five years. She moved to Madison in 2001 and became a member of the New Hope Baptist Church in Chelsea, Indiana. She enjoyed gardening, reading and being active in her church.

Survivors include her companion, Kevin Day of Madison; her daughter, Felicia Wheat Perry of Madison; two brothers, Bob Wheat of Fenton, Missouri and Steve Wheat of St. Petersburg, Florida; her sisters, Viki Peterson of Aurora, Colorado and Janet Wheat of Lyons, Georgia; and two grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jim Wheat.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will follow at a later date in the Vevay Cemetery in Vevay. Visitation is 5 p.m. until the time of services on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lissie Wheat Remembrance Fund through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Loretta Beckham-Wainscott

Loretta Beckham-Wainscott, 83, of Carrollton, Kentucky, died Friday, May 5, 2023, at her home in Carrollton.

She was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, on Sept. 3, 1939, to Lottie and Henry Beckham. She was raised on Greenup Hill in Monterey, Kentucky, and graduated from Owen County High School in 1956. She married Bobby Gayle Wainscott, from Owenton, Kentucky. She was known to be a sassy, strong woman with heart. She had worked as a telephone operator and retired after working 20 years at Carroll County Middle School and Alternative School as an administrative assistant. In the summer she also ran the Carroll County swimming pool from the time it first opened until her retirement. She also served as a den mother and Sunday school teacher and was a Kentucky Colonel.

Survivors include her daughter, Vicki Georgiev; four sons, Ricky Wainscott, William Wainscott, John Wainscott and son James Wainscott; two brothers James Beckham and David Beckham; a sister, Edna Beckham: and 18 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a brother, Sidney Thomas Beckham.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, at the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrolllton. Visitation is 11 a.m. until the time of service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial gifts may be given to the "Make A Wish Foundation" through the funeral home. Online condolences, www.tandy-ecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Duane Hansman

Duane Edward Hansman, 59, of Patriot, Indiana, died Thursday, May 4, 2023, at his cabin in Patriot, Indiana.

He was born on Sept. 27, 1963 in Cincinnati, to William Herman Hansman Sr. and Virginia Rebholz Hansman. He was raised in Cincinnati and was a 1982 graduate of Forest Park High School. He attended St. Matthias Catholic Church in Cincinnati and was employed for various companies as a diesel mechanic in Cincinnati and Ghent, Kentucky for several years. He also worked in maintenance for Belterra Casino & Resort in Florence, Indiana, for more than five years. He was a member of the Teamsters Union in Cincinnati and the Ohio Gun Collectors Association. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking, camping.

Survivors include his mother of Cincinnati; his daughter, Kyla Peters of Connersville, Indiana; his sisters, Nina McCoy, Rebecca Dineen and Sarah Henry, all of Cincinnati and Courtney Romeo of Nashville, Tennessee; his brothers, William Hansman Jr. of Cincinnati and Jeremy Hansman of Dayton, Ohio; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A celebration of life and visitation was Sunday, May 7, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the a charity of the donor's choice through the funeral home. Online condolences, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Ricky O'Neal

Ricky O'Neal, 66, of Madison, Indiana, died Saturday, May 6, 2023, at his home.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

WHO downgrades COVID-19 pandemic

Coronavirus no longer qualifies as global emergency

BY MARIA CHENG AND JAMEY KEATEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GENEVA — The World Health Organization said Friday that COVID-19 no longer qualifies as a global emergency, marking a symbolic end to the devastating coronavirus pandemic that triggered once-unthinkable lockdowns, upended economies and killed millions of people worldwide.

The announcement, made more than three years after WHO declared the coronavirus an international crisis, offers some relief, if not an ending, to a pandemic that stirred fear and suspicion, hand-wringing and finger-pointing across the globe.

The U.N. health agency's officials said that even though the emergency phase was over, the pandemic hasn't finished, noting recent spikes in cases in Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

WHO says thousands of people are still dying from the virus every week, and millions of others are suffering from debilitating, long-term effects.

"It's with great hope that I declare COVID-19 over as a global health emergency," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

"That does not mean COVID-19 is over as a global health threat," he said, warning that new variants could yet emerge. Tedros noted that while the official COVID-19 death toll was 7 million, the real figure was estimated to be at least 20 million.

Tedros said the pandemic had been on a downward trend for more than a year, acknowledging that most countries have already returned to life before COVID-19.

He bemoaned the damage that COVID-19 had done to the global community, saying the pandemic had shattered businesses, exacerbated political divisions, led to the spread of misinformation and plunged millions into poverty.

The political fallout in some countries was swift and unforgiving. Some pundits say missteps by President Donald Trump in his administration's response to the pandemic had a role in his losing reelection bid in 2020. The United States saw the deadliest outbreak anywhere in the world — where more than 1 million people died across the country.

Dr. Michael Ryan, WHO's emergencies chief, said it was incumbent on heads of states and other leaders to negotiate a wide-ranging pandemic treaty to decide how future health threats should be faced.

Ryan said that some of the scenes witnessed during COVID-19, when people resorted to "bartering for oxygen canisters," fought to get into emergency rooms and died in parking lots because they couldn't get treated, must never be repeated.

When the U.N. health agency first declared the coronavirus to be an international crisis on Jan. 30, 2020, it hadn't yet been named COVID-19 and there were no major outbreaks beyond China.

More than three years later, the virus has caused an estimated 764 million cases globally and about 5 billion people have received at least one dose of vaccine.

In the U.S., the public health emergency declaration made regarding COVID-19 is set to expire on May 11, when wide-ranging measures to support the pandemic response, including vaccine mandates, will end. Many other countries, including Germany, France and Britain, dropped most of their provisions against the pandemic last year.

When Tedros declared COVID-19 to be an emergency in 2020, he said his greatest fear was the virus' potential to spread in countries with weak health systems.

In fact, some of the countries that suffered the worst COVID-19 death tolls were previously judged to be the best-prepared for a pandemic, including the U.S. and Britain. According to WHO data, the number of deaths reported in Africa account for just 3% of the global total.

WHO doesn't "declare" pandemics, but first used the term to describe the outbreak in March 2020, when the virus had spread to every continent except Antarctica, long after many other scientists had said a pandemic was already underway.

WHO is the only agency mandated to coordinate the world's response to acute health threats, but the organization faltered repeatedly as the coronavirus unfolded.

In January 2020, WHO publicly applauded China for its supposed speedy and transparent response, even though recordings of private meetings obtained by The Associated Press showed top officials were frustrated at the country's lack of cooperation.

WHO also recommended against mask-wearing for the public for months, a mistake many health officials say cost lives.

Numerous scientists also slammed WHO's reluctance to acknowledge that COVID-19 was frequently spread in the air and by people without symptoms, criticizing the agency's lack of strong guidance to prevent such exposure.

Tedros was a vociferous critic of rich countries who hoarded the limited supplies of COVID-19 vaccines, warning that the world was on the brink of a "catastrophic moral failure" by failing to share shots with poor countries.

Most recently, WHO has struggled to investigate the origins of the coronavirus, a challenging scientific endeavour that has also become politically fraught.

After a weeks-long visit to China, WHO released a report in 2021 concluding that COVID-19 most likely jumped into humans from animals, dismissing the possibility that it originated in a lab as "extremely unlikely."

But the U.N. agency backtracked the following year, saying "key pieces of data" were still missing and that it was premature to rule out that COVID-19 might have ties to a lab.

Mark Woolhouse, an infectious diseases professor at the University of Edinburgh, described COVID-19 as a "once-in-a-lifetime disaster" and said that broad immunity against the virus meant we were now in a new phase of the outbreak.

Woolhouse noted there had also been significant criticism of WHO's pandemic response, in addition to those of its member countries and others.

He lamented that the global community missed numerous chances to stop the coronavirus earlier, in addition to causing much "self-inflicted harm" by shutting down much of society.

"Given the ever-present threat of another pandemic, lessons need to be learned," he said.

LOCAL NUMBERS

A total of 299 local residents have died of COVID-19 throughout the pandemic including 172 in Jefferson County, 56 in Carroll County, 48 in Trimble County and 23 in Switzerland County. A total of 19,371 cases of coronavirus have been officially reported in the four counties.

Although the virus no longer qualifies as a global emergency, WHO says thousands of people are still dying from the virus every week, and millions of others are suffering from debilitating, long-term effects.

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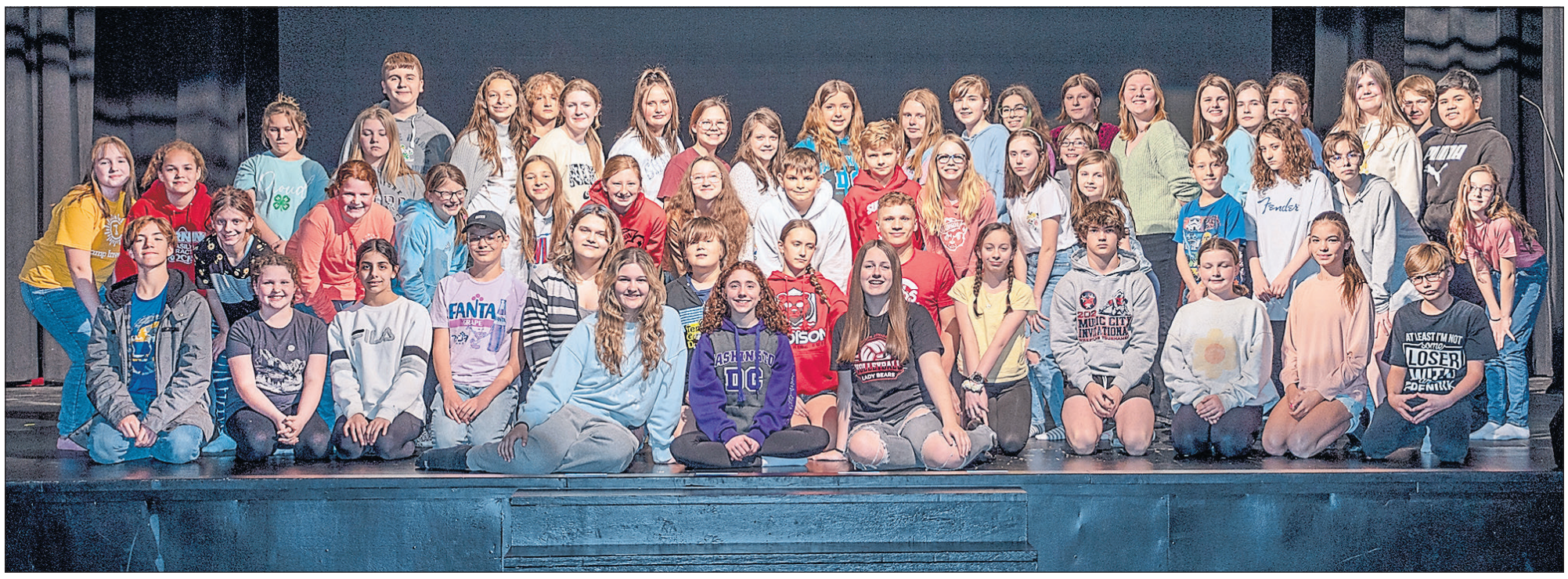

Bob Demaree

Madison Junior High School Theatre will be performing "Matilda Jr.," the musical, this week at Madison Consolidated High School's Opal Sherman Auditorium. Lead actors in the front row are (from left) Claire Miller as Miss Honey, Maya Bullock as Matilda and Sophia Reilmann as Agatha Trunchbull. Performances will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m.

MJHS theatre's 'Matilda' to be another 'major' production

BY BOB DEMAREE

It seems like every performance at Madison Junior High School's theatre department is a major production — not just for the title being performed but for the number of students who are participating. Director Lindsay Bullock noted that at least 71 students are participating this week's junior version of Matilda.

Matilda, a musical based on the children's novel by British writer Roald Dahl, will be staged at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Madison Consolidated High School's Opal Sherman Auditorium. Tickets are $5 for students, $8 for adults online, and $7 for students and $10 for adults at the door. Tickets can be purchased at https://our.show/mjhs/matildajr

Matilda is the story of a girl with an astonishing wit, intelligence and special powers who dreams of a better life. "She's very smart, and loves reading and books, and she's only in Kindergarten," said Maya Bullock, who plays Matilda.

Matilda impresses her school teacher, Miss Honey, played by Claire Miller. "She's the nicest person you'll ever meet and she loves children and teaching, and all the happy things," said Miller.

But Miss Trunchbull, played by Sophia Reilmann, is the school's head mistress who doesn't like children and is cruel to them. Through courage and cleverness, Matilda leads efforts to save the children. "It's a real good hero story," said Reilmann.

"It's really a fun show," said Bullock. "We've really enjoyed putting this together and learning all the dances. We're happy to let everyone see it."

Others in the cast include Hudson Chandler as Tommy, Poppy Kelsey as Amanda, Adavious Gigax as Bruce, Maddie Guirguis as Lavender, Kate Miller as Alice, Annie Harsin as Hortensia, Tavian Bauer as Nigel, Owain Kelsey as Mr. Wormwood, Ellie Lewis as Mrs. Wormwood, Calvin Conway as Michael, Kamea Phelps as Mrs. Phelps, Garrett Deuser as the escapologist, Rebecca Ball as the cook, Timmy Kempton as the mechanic, Brandan Bentz as Rudolpho, Alicia Hay as Sergei, Traejen Asher as the Russian, Jessica Luellen and Reagan Wynn as acrobats, Zuzu Bailey as Big Kid 1, Emily Foster as Big Kid 2 and Scout Porter as Big Kid 3.

MCHS HOF induction Friday

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The fifth class of Madison Consolidated High School's alumni Hall of Fame will be inducted this Friday including Nick Griffith, class of 1999; Garry Chandler, class of 1976; and Marilyn McQueen, class of 1964.

The MCHS Hall of Fame was established in 2019 as a way to honor individuals whose deeds and character exemplify outstanding work in their life's work and service to their communities.

Past inductees were Sue Livers, Michael Bell and Robert Orrill in 2022, Ray Black Jr., Harold Hunt and Rodney Nay in 2021, Helen Cope, Marvin Eades and Damon Welch in 2020, and Dr. Robert Canida, Al Huntington and Wayne Perry in 2019.

Sign of life

Mark Campbell

The delicate purple hues of a bearded iris take full form as warmer weather and spring showers bring to life downtown Madison.

Clifty Park's south entrance to close for work Monday

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The south entrance to Clifty Falls State Park — accessed by Clifty Hollow Road — will be closed beginning next week for a slide repair.

The Indiana Department of Transportation announced the project's beginning on or after Monday, May 15, with crews beginning work to stabilize a section of roadway on an adjacent hillside (east of Clifty Inn) with soil nails and shotcrete. Guardrail installation will follow.

The south park entrance is expected to reopen prior to Memorial Day weekend. Meanwhile, park visitors should use the north entrance off of State Road 62/Clifty Drive during the closure.

INDOT reminds drivers to use extra caution, avoid distractions, and consider worker safety when traveling through active construction zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

Student art featured on Third Floor of Courthouse

Circuit Court area features 20 canvases

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The Jefferson County Circuit Court teamed up recently with the Jefferson County Historical Society and the Madison Area Arts Alliance (MAAA) to place over 20 canvases depicting student artwork in the Courtrooms on the Third Floor of the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Selections were made during the 2022 Student Art Show at the Jefferson County Historical Society Annual Student Art Show. Originals were photographed and produced on canvas for a colorful collection to adorn the walls of the historic Courtrooms.

"The artwork produced by Jefferson County students will be a great addition to the walls of the Courtroom, adding an assortment of topics, textures, and colors. We are so proud to host this project and to partner with JCHS and MAAA. We are planning to select artwork from the Student Art show every year to add to this collection," said Jefferson Circuit Judge D.J. Mote.

Artwork hanging in the Third Floor hallways may be viewed during regular business hours. The Circuit Court has cleared its calendars on Friday, May 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that members of the public may see the artwork hanging in the courtrooms at a time when court is not in session.

States add laws on pronouns, sports for transgender students

BY GEOFF MULVIHILL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb last week signed into a law a requirement that schools notify a parent when their student asks to be called a different name or uses pronouns that correspond with their gender, not their sex.

It's the latest law to emerge from a focus in Republican-controlled states on restricting transgender students in the name of parental rights or protecting other students.

LTBTQ+ advocates say the measures are harmful to students, especially those who are trans.

Some things to know:

PRONOUNS

As the idea that people should be referred to by the pronouns they choose has taken root, there's been a strong conservative political backlash — part of a broader backlash against acceptance of transgender people.

On Thursday, Florida's lawmakers gave final passage to a bill that would prevent students and teachers from being required to use pronouns that don't correspond to someone's sex. Gov. Ron DeSantis, who is expected to seek the Republican presidential nomination next year, has signaled he will sign the measure.

Montana earlier this year passed a law that would block schools from punishing students who misgender or deadname peers — referring to them by the wrong gender or by names they previously used — so long as it doesn't rise to the level of bullying. An earlier version of the legislation would have blocked schools from punishing students for purposely using peers' wrong names or gender.

Indiana's version, which takes effect July 1, goes a step further, requiring schools to tell parents when their students ask to be called by a different name or by a pronoun that corresponds with their gender.

It's not the first state with a similar provision. Alabama adopted a law last year requiring schools to notify parents if a child discloses that they think they might be transgender and also blocking school staff from encouraging students to withhold that information from their parents.

The pronoun restrictions aren't catching on in all Republican-controlled states. North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum vetoed a bill that would have barred public school teachers and staff from using the pronouns a transgender student uses without a parent's permission. The veto narrowly survived an override attempt last month.

BLOCKING GENDER IDENTITY LESSONS

DeSantis has been leading the charge against pronouns and other causes he incorrectly refers to as "woke." Last year, his state became the first to adopt what critics call a "Don't Say Gay" law barring schools from teaching about sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third grade.

Last month, Florida's state school board expanded the ban on teaching about sexual orientation and gender identity to all grades, The bill passed this week that DeSantis is expected to sign would legally reinforce that, banning the instruction through eighth grade with exceptions for when it's required by existing state standards or are part of reproductive health instruction classes that parents can choose for their students not to take.

Some of the pronoun provisions, including Indiana's, are included in broader prohibitions on teaching about gender identity similar to Florida's law.

PARENTAL RIGHTS

Other states, including Arizona and Idaho, have passed laws in the last two years intended to give parents more control over their children's education.

They both require that information about their student's health and education be made available to parents.

In Idaho's case, the law, which is to take effect July 1, requires parents be told of changes in students' mental, emotional or physical well-being.

Critics say that while the laws do not specifically list gender identity, they will end up outing transgender students to families who might not be accepting.

BATHROOMS, SPORTS, HEALTHCARE

Other state policies aimed at curtailing the rights of transgender young people have been centerpieces of legislative sessions in red states, especially the past two years.

At least nine states have adopted laws to keep transgender students out of bathrooms and locker rooms that align with their gender identities.

Laws adopted in at least 21 states would keep transgender girls and women from playing on girls and women's sports teams. Courts have blocked enforcement of some of those. President Joe Biden's administration last month proposed a rule that would find that broad bans on transgender sports participation would violate federal law.

The U.S. House last month also approved a ban on transgender girls and women on girls and women's sports teams, but it's unlikely to be passed by the Democrat-controlled Senate.

And at least 20 states have adopted laws or policies — including some blocked by courts — barring gender-affirming care, such as puberty blockers, hormone therapy and surgery for minors. At least 10 states have taken action to protect access to the care.

County BZA approves cell tower for Verizon

BY BOB DEMAREE

The Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals granted approval for a new cell tower to be utilized by Verizon Wireless at its meeting Wednesday.

The tower, which will be located in the 4000 block of North Paper Mill Road, was approved for conditional use for relay towers and transmitting stations along with a variance from development standards from the center of the road to be 85 feet instead of the required 90 feet.

Jay Suriano, a consultant representing Vertical Bridge LLC, the tower company, said Verizon Wireless had issued a search in that area and entered into a lease with the landowner, Riverside Contracting and Excavation, for the space. He said once all permitting is completed, the tower will be assigned to Vertical Bridge to take over responsibility and operation.

The structure will be 265-foot, self-support lattice tower with a 10-foot lightning rod for an overall height of 275 feet, and will be placed in a 75-foot by 75-foot fenced area. There will also be a 12-foot access road built to the facility.

Suriano said the variance was needed because the tower leg was at 85 feet, which he characterized as an oversight in developing the plans. "We're asking for that five feet so that we don't have to redo all of our government approvals and modify our lease," he said. Citing no concerns about the five foot change, the variance was approved by the board.

The BZA also approved a conditional use for a retail motor vehicle business at 4073 South State Road 62, Hanover, in an application from Jose Hernandez. He said his plan is to buy cars, repair them and sell for low cost. Due to the size of the 0.9-acre lot, the board's approval stipulated that there not be more than five vehicles visible from the highway.

The board also approved a variance from developmental standards from the center of the road for a house to build two porches — 5-foot by 8-foot and 6-foot by 6-foot — on property owned at 2941 North Martin Road in Milton Township by Melissa and William Wright.

In the Plan Commission meeting, board attorney Pat Magrath updated that he sent a letter on April 8 to Brian Singer about property violations at 7423 West State Road 256 directly east of Kent Mercantile. Building inspector Josh Cline said there have been no improvements on that property.

Cline reported good progress on property at 10218 West Polk Road in which there's been an ongoing effort to get cleaned up. Plan commission president Warren Auxier said he had driven by the property and "it was much, much better looking."

Both the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Plan Commission considered approving amendments to their rules following ratification of the new Unified Development Ordinance (UD) last month by the County Commissioners. The BZA approved the amendments while the Plan Commission tabled approval until an updated document has been prepared.

With a need for a definition for a shooting range in the UDO requested at a recent Commissioners meeting, Auxier said work will be done on that definition with a recommendation anticipated for the June meeting. But in reaching out to the attorney and representatives from Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group about the UDO, Auxier said they provided assurance that what they have is "in complete compliance with how we're handling land uses."

Auxier called the UDO "a positive change" and that he's heard good feedback on. He expressed appreciation to all who participated in the process of creating the UDO. "I can't say enough for the work that staff has put in. They did an excellent job of looking through the details," Auxier said.

Opening day for 498 Hanover youth leaguers set for May 22

BY BOB DEMAREE

With opening day coming later this month for Hanover Parks Department's youth baseball and softball leagues, 498 children signed up to participate.

Parks Director Scott Davidson made the announcement at Tuesday's Hanover Parks Board meeting, noting that numbers provides for a total of 42 teams. "We're full. That's a lot of kids," he said.

Opening day will be Monday, May 22, with games being played Monday through Friday as well as some Saturday mornings. Davidson said T-ball will play a six-game schedule while the older leagues will play 8-10 games. He said there are sponsorships for all teams.

"We're pretty pumped. We're pretty excited" about all the participation, said Davidson.

Hanover Parks Department, which was rejuvenated in 2021 after several years of being dormant, had 300 sign up for leagues that first summer before 340 participants last year.

In other business:

- The second annual Hanover Hackers Golf Scramble will be Saturday, May 20, at Butler Falls Golf Course. The event is a fundraiser for the parks department.
- The board declined an offer of donation of senior exercise equipment for the parks department because it was determined there's no place to located the equipment in the Hanover Community Building.
- Established dates for the town's Movies in the Park for 2023 including June 24, Aug. 19, Sept, 23 and Oct. 21. Also, the date for Hanover's Spooktacular event was approved for Oct. 21. There will be a Party in the Park and Music in the Park events on Oct. 7.

Former Seymour officer hired as SRO

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The Madison Board of School Trustees approved the hiring of the district's newest School Resource Officer at their April meeting. On his first official day on May 1, Officer Cody Teltow was sworn in as a Jefferson County Deputy by Sheriff Ben Flint, making his duties official in Jefferson County.

Teltow brings a variety of experiences to the position. He is a graduate of Jennings County High School, the Indiana University Law Enforcement Academy, and Indiana University Purdue University Columbus where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.

Teltow began his career as a Jailer in Jennings County and while working on his degree, he was employed by the university as a Campus Sworn Cadet on the campus of IUPUC. Teltow was most recently a Patrolman with the Seymour Police Department in Jackson County where he served his community. "In my work with SPD, I had to be extremely flexible and dynamic which pushed me to become a quick thinker with the ability to handle situations that come unexpectedly," he shared.

While relatively young in his career, Teltow feels as though he can apply his skills in a new role in order to help create a safe working and learning environment for faculty and students at MCS. When asked why he chose a School Resource Officer position, Teltow calmly shared "I believe in building relationships and a proactive approach versus attempting to redirect adult behaviors learned over time. I know that mental health must be a large part of what we must focus on and I think my experience lends

itself to a perspective that could be helpful daily, as well as if we ever find ourselves in a situation where we must rely on our training to keep everyone safe. My preference is young people, as the future is bright!"

"Officer Teltow's calm demeanor and de-escalating skills will be beneficial to our school district and community," shared School Safety Coordinator and SRO Officer Jacob McVey. "I'm excited to have another trained law enforcement professional to assist in keeping our district safe, building positive relationships, and being proactive in the schools."

Teltow will be working closely with McVey. Already a Tier 1 trained officer, he will complete the required SRO training in June.

"When I talked with Officer McVey I could hear the passion he has for his work and for the schools and was impressed with the work being done to keep them safe," Teltow recalled. "I felt needed, I have heard great things about Madison…I think it is a good city to be in."

Available for adoption

Handout

Cheez-it is a female tabby who is currently unaltered. She is one of the Jefferson County Animal Shelter's sweetest cats and loves to lounge about but has a fun playful side too! She talks the talk and walks the walk. Cheez-it is available for adoption at the shelter located on Madison's hilltop. For more information or to visit her and other animals awaiting adoption, visit the shelter Facebook page or www.sisaveapet.com or call 812-273-1788.

Indiana judge deals blow to state's suit against TikTok

BY TOM DAVIES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indiana judge has ruled that downloading the free social media app TikTok doesn't amount to a consumer transaction under state law, dealing a blow to the state attorney general's lawsuit claiming the Chinese-owned video-sharing platform misleads its users about the level of inappropriate content and security of consumer information.

The decision issued last week denied the request from Republican Attorney General Todd Rokita for a court order preventing TikTok from stating on online app stores that it has "none" or "infrequent/mild" references to drugs, sexual or other inappropriate content for children as young as 12.

Judge Craig Bobay of Allen County Superior Court in Fort Wayne also ruled that state courts don't have authority over TikTok's statements to Apple's app store as both companies are based in California.

"No aspect of the age rating process takes place in Indiana," the judge wrote. "This suit-related conduct is not related to and does not arise out of TikTok's conduct within or directed to Indiana."

The lawsuit, which was filed in December, makes arguments similar to those from many state and federal lawmakers and government officials who have claimed the Chinese government could harvest U.S. user data from TikTok and use the platform to push pro-Beijing misinformation or messages to the public. TikTok, which is owned by the Chinese tech giant ByteDance, has said it has never been asked to hand over its data and denied the Indiana lawsuit's claims.

Indiana is among several states and the federal government that have ordered the TikTok app deleted from government-issued devices.

Bobay ruled that Indiana's consumer protection law doesn't extend to the downloading of free apps as no money was exchanged and that the attorney general's office was unlikely to win a trial over the lawsuit.

A statement released by the attorney general's office didn't address whether it planned to appeal the judge's ruling while encouraging Indiana residents to remove the TikTok app from their devices.

FLOODING

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Bramer expects the stormwater management plan to be completed this summer at which time the county will begin developing a stormwater management ordinance to ensure proper drainage for new construction projects. He said once standards are established, future developers will "have to be able to show you have things to take care of the water because you're taking away a lot of land that the water would soak into, and now it's just running off" so there need to be places for it to go and ways to get there.

In other business:

- With the new Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center still under construction, the project has now gone beyond the 18 months the county had contracted with DLZ Architects, as architect for the new jail. Phil Wink, a representative of DLZ, presented the Commissioners with an additional services request letter after DLZ had received a letter from Shireman Construction that listed a new construction completion date in July of this year. With construction having started in June of 2021, Wink noted that's a 25-month construction time frame. DLZ's monthly fee has been $11,000 so for the additional seven months DLZ is requesting $77,000, along with an additional $11,000 per month if construction completion extends beyond July. The Commissioners approved the additional payments, noting that doing so was part of the agreement established in the original contract.
- County Highway Superintendent Bobby Phillips said the county will receive a $506,357.50 National Resources Conservation Services grant for a road stabilization project at Brushy Fork Road and Little Brushy Fork Road. Even though the county did not receive FEMA funding from the 2022 Labor Day weekend storm damage, Phillips said the money will be used to repair long-term storm damage that's occurred there.
- Erica Cline, the county's broadband ambassador, said the Jefferson County Broadband Task Force is inviting students in Jefferson County to participate in a logo design contest. Prizes include Amazon gift cards at $200 for first place, $100 for second place and $50 for third place. To be eligible, an entrant must be a student in Jefferson County, (elementary through high school) or a college student enrolled at Hanover College or Ivy Tech Community College. Vocational school students in the County are also eligible. The deadline to enter is June 30. Information to enter can be found on the Broadband Ready Community Program page on Jefferson County Government website or contacting Cline at 812-274-3839.
- Approved a settlement agreement of $9,436.63 to Adam and Lindsay Bullock at the recommendation of the county attorney over the adoption of a dog that was later found to have health issues not known at the time of adoption. "It was a bad situation but it happened, and the three of us (Commissioners) thought it was fair because they adopted the dog on good faith," said Little. Animal shelter director Tricia Parker said steps have been taken to ensure that doesn't happen again.
- Endorsed the hiring of a highway department shop foreman for which Phillips will be requesting funding at Tuesday's County Council meeting.
- Approved setting the fee for adopting dogs to $200 and $100 for adopting cats in order to adequately meet expenses. "We are losing quite a bit of money right now," said Parker. If the losses continue she said the animal shelter will be seeking additional funds from the county before the end of the year.

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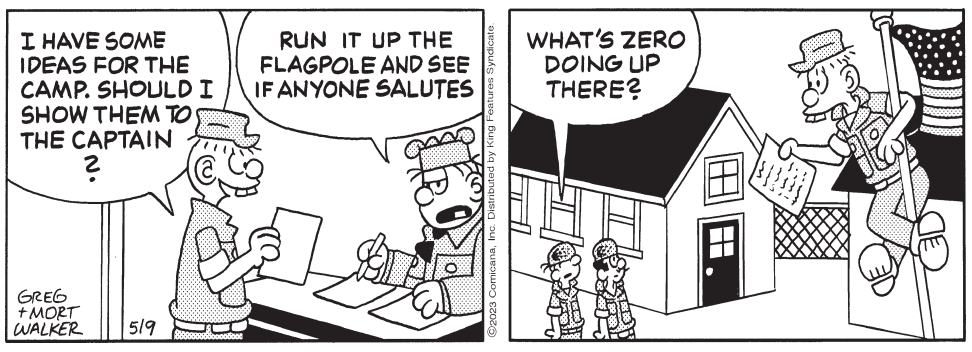
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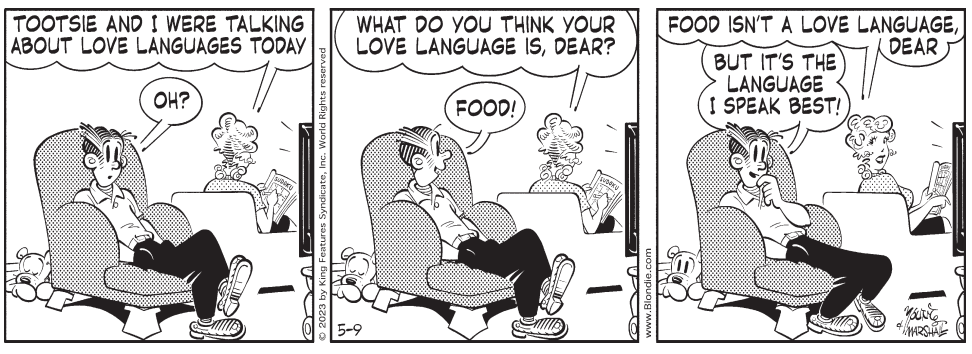
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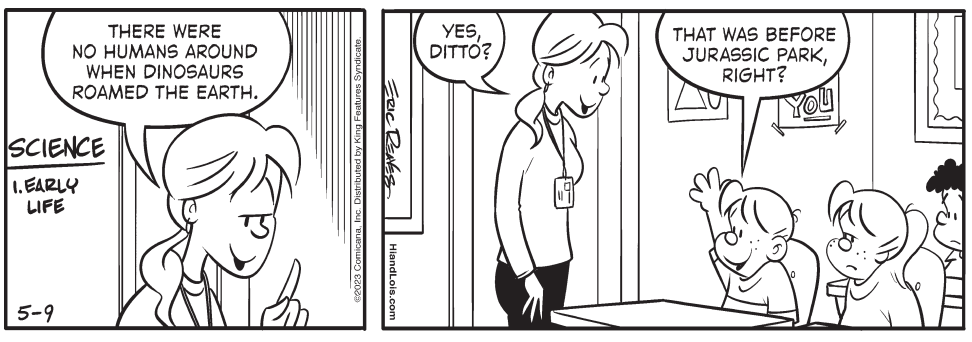

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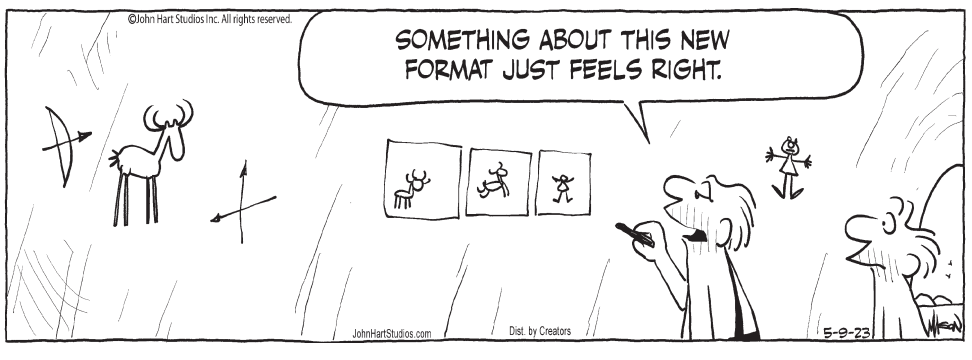
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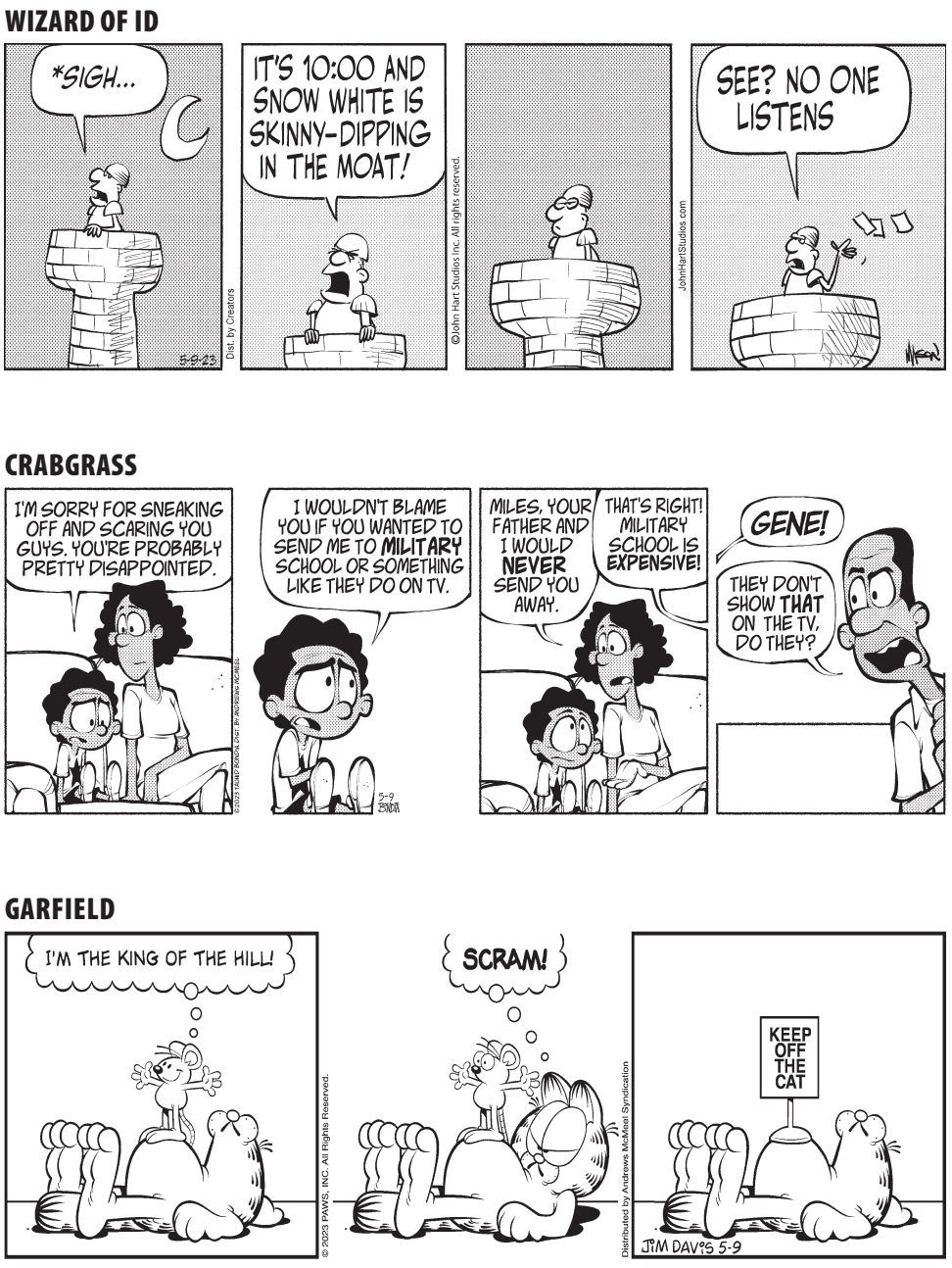
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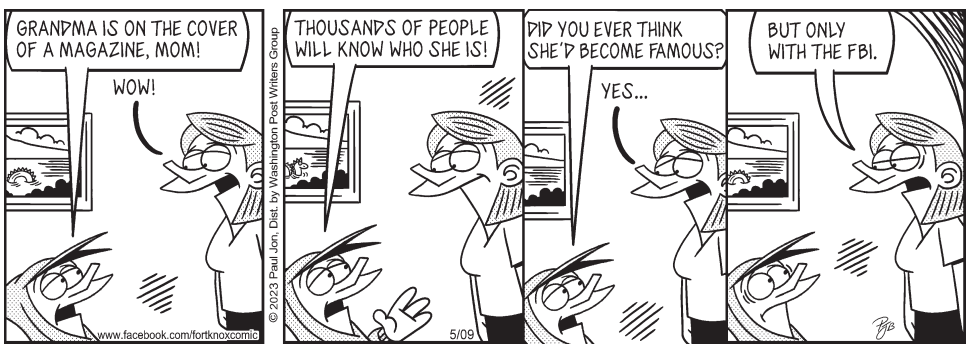
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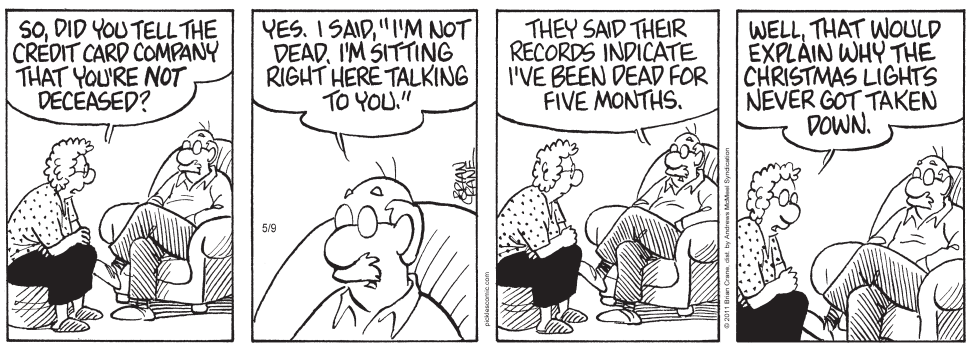
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BABY BLUES

WHAT'S ALL THIS?
ROCK PAINTING.
YOU PAINT LITTLE PICTURES OR INTERESTING THOUGHTS ON ROCKS, AND LEAVE THEM AROUND FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY.
IT SAYS, "MY BROTHER IS A STINK BUTT."
IT'S MY FAVORITE ONE SO FAR.
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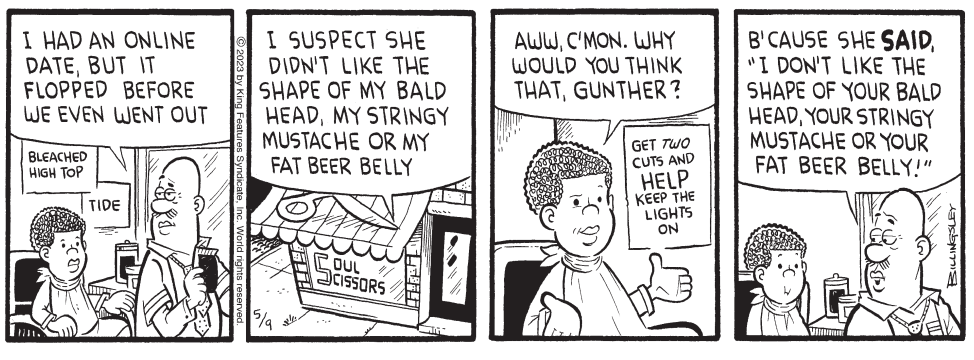
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BLEACHED HIGH TOP
TIDE
I SUSPECT SHE DIDN'T LIKE THE SHAPE OF MY BALD HEAD, MY STRINGY MUSTACHE OR MY FAT BEER BELLY
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SOUL SCISSORS
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AWW, C'MON. WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT, GUNTHER?
GET TWO CUTS AND HELP KEEP THE LIGHTS ON
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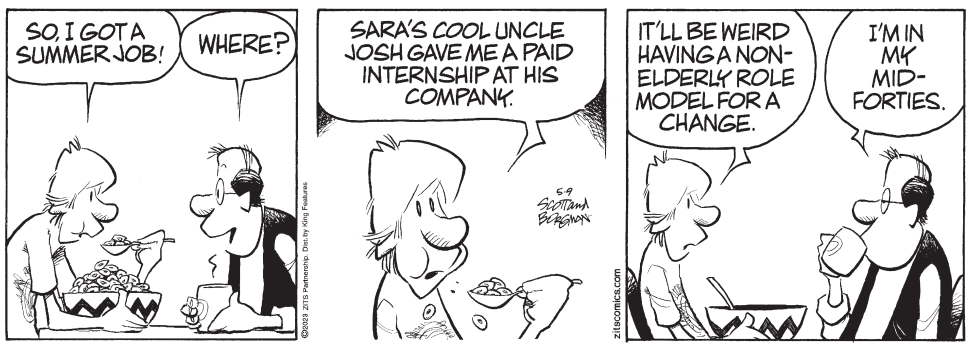
SO, I GOT A SUMMER JOB!
WHERE?
SARA'S COOL UNCLE JOSH GAVE ME A PAID INTERNSHIP AT HIS COMPANY.
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IT'LL BE WEIRD HAVING A NON-ELDERLY ROLE MODEL FOR A CHANGE.
I'M IN MY MID-FORTIES.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, May 9, the 129th day of 2023. There are 236 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 9, 1994, South Africa's newly elected parliament chose Nelson Mandela to be the country's first Black president.

On this date:

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson, acting on a joint congressional resolution, signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

In 1945, with World War II in Europe at an end, Soviet forces liberated Czechoslovakia from Nazi occupation. U.S. officials announced that a midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately.

In 1951, the U.S. conducted its first thermonuclear experiment as part of Operation Greenhouse by detonating a 225-kiloton device on Enewetak Atoll in the Pacific nicknamed "George."

In 1962, scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology succeeded in reflecting a laser beam off the surface of the moon.

In 1965, Russian-born American pianist Vladimir Horowitz performed publicly for the first time in 12 years with a recital at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon made a surprise and impromptu pre-dawn visit to the Lincoln Memorial, where he chatted with a group of protesters who'd been resting on the Memorial steps after protests against the Vietnam War and the Kent State shootings.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened public hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon. (The committee ended up adopting three articles of impeachment against the president, who resigned before the full House took up any of them.)

In 1980, 35 people were killed when a freighter rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section of the southbound span to collapse.

In 2016, Filipinos went to the polls to elect Rodrigo Duterte, the controversial, tough-talking mayor of Davao city, to be their country's next president.

In 2019, Pope Francis issued a groundbreaking new church law requiring all Catholic priests and nuns to report clergy sexual abuse and cover-ups by their superiors to church authorities.

In 2020, Rock 'n' roll pioneer Little Richard, known for his piercing wail, pounding piano and towering pompadour, died in Tennessee at the age of 87 after battling bone cancer; he had helped shatter the color line on the music charts while introducing Black R&B to white America.

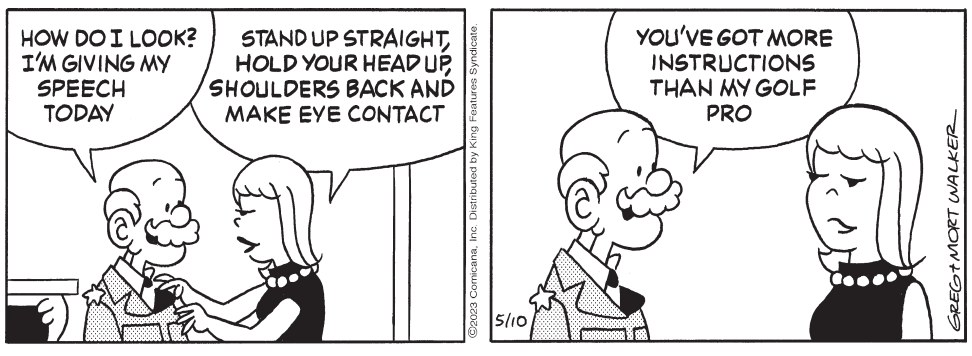
Ten years ago: Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who had irked Washington with his frequent criticism of U.S. military operations in his country, said his government was ready to let the U.S. have nine bases across Afghanistan after the withdrawal of most foreign forces in 2014.

Five years ago: Secretary of State Mike Pompeo arrived in North Korea to finalize plans for a summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Three Americans who had spent more than a year in prison in North Korea were freed during his visit and left North Korea aboard Pompeo's plane.

One year ago: Russian President Vladimir Putin marked his country's biggest patriotic holiday, Victory Day, without a major new battlefield success in Ukraine to boast of, as the war ground on through its 11th week with the Kremlin's forces making little or no progress in their offensive.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-writer Alan Bennett is 89. Actor and politician Glenda Jackson is 87. Producer-director James L. Brooks is 86. Musician Sonny Curtis (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 86. Singer Tommy Roe is 81. Singer-musician Richie Furay (Buffalo Springfield and Poco) is 79. Actor Candice Bergen is 77. Pop singer Clint Holmes is 77. Actor Anthony Higgins is 76. Singer Billy Joel is 74. Blues singer-musician Bob Margolin is 74. Rock singer-musician Tom Petersson (Cheap Trick) is 73. Actor Alley Mills is 72. Actor Amy Hill is 70. Actor Wendy Crewson is 67. Actor John Corbett is 62. Singer Dave Gahan (Depeche Mode) is 61. Actor Sonja Sohn is 59. Rapper Ghostface Killah is 53. Actor Chris Diamantopoulos is 48. R&B singer Tamia is 48. Rock singer Pierre Bouvier (Simple Plan) is 44. Actor Rosario Dawson is 44. Rock singer Andrew W.K. is 44. Actor Rachel Boston is 41. TV personality Audrina Patridge is 38. Actor Grace Gummer is 37.

BEETLE BAILEY


HOW DO I LOOK? I'M GIVING MY SPEECH TODAY
STAND UP STRAIGHT, HOLD YOUR HEAD UP, SHOULDERS BACK AND MAKE EYE CONTACT
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YOU'VE GOT MORE INSTRUCTIONS THAN MY GOLF PRO
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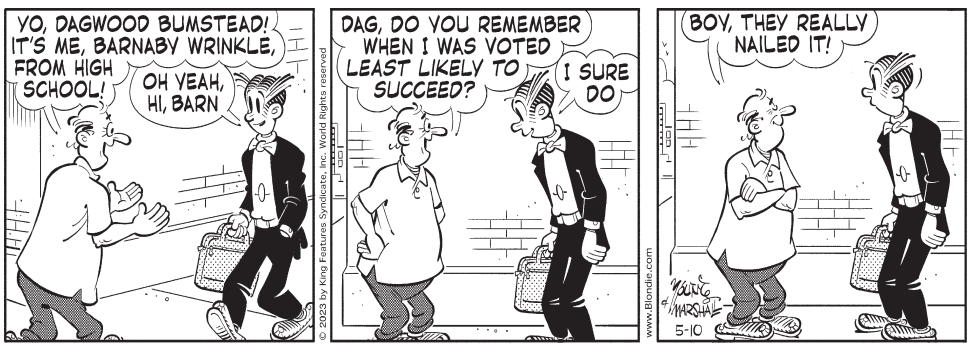
YO, DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD! IT'S ME, BARNABY WRINKLE, FROM HIGH SCHOOL!
OH YEAH, HI, BARN
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DAG, DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN I WAS VOTED LEAST LIKELY TO SUCCEED?
I SURE DO
BOY, THEY REALLY NAILED IT!
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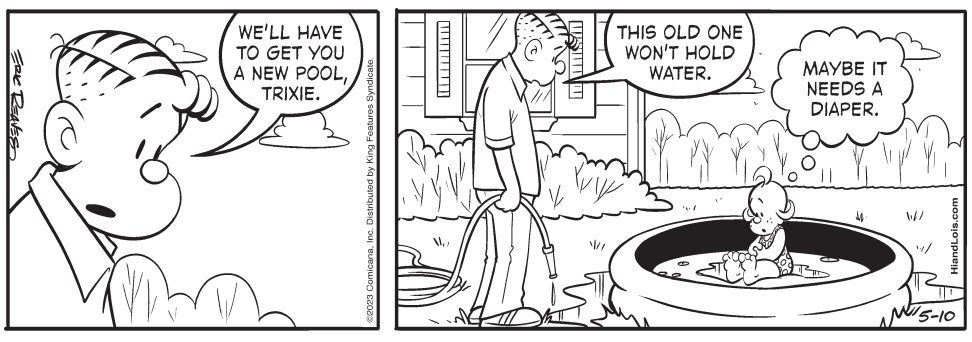
HI & LOIS


WE'LL HAVE TO GET YOU A NEW POOL, TRIXIE.
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THIS OLD ONE WON'T HOLD WATER.
MAYBE IT NEEDS A DIAPER.
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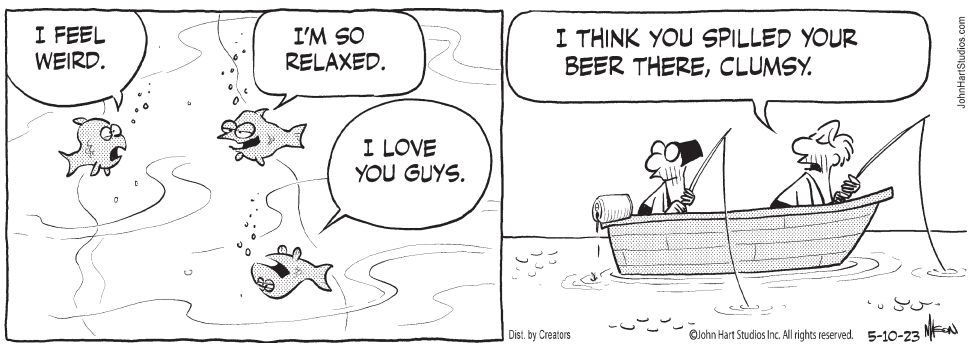

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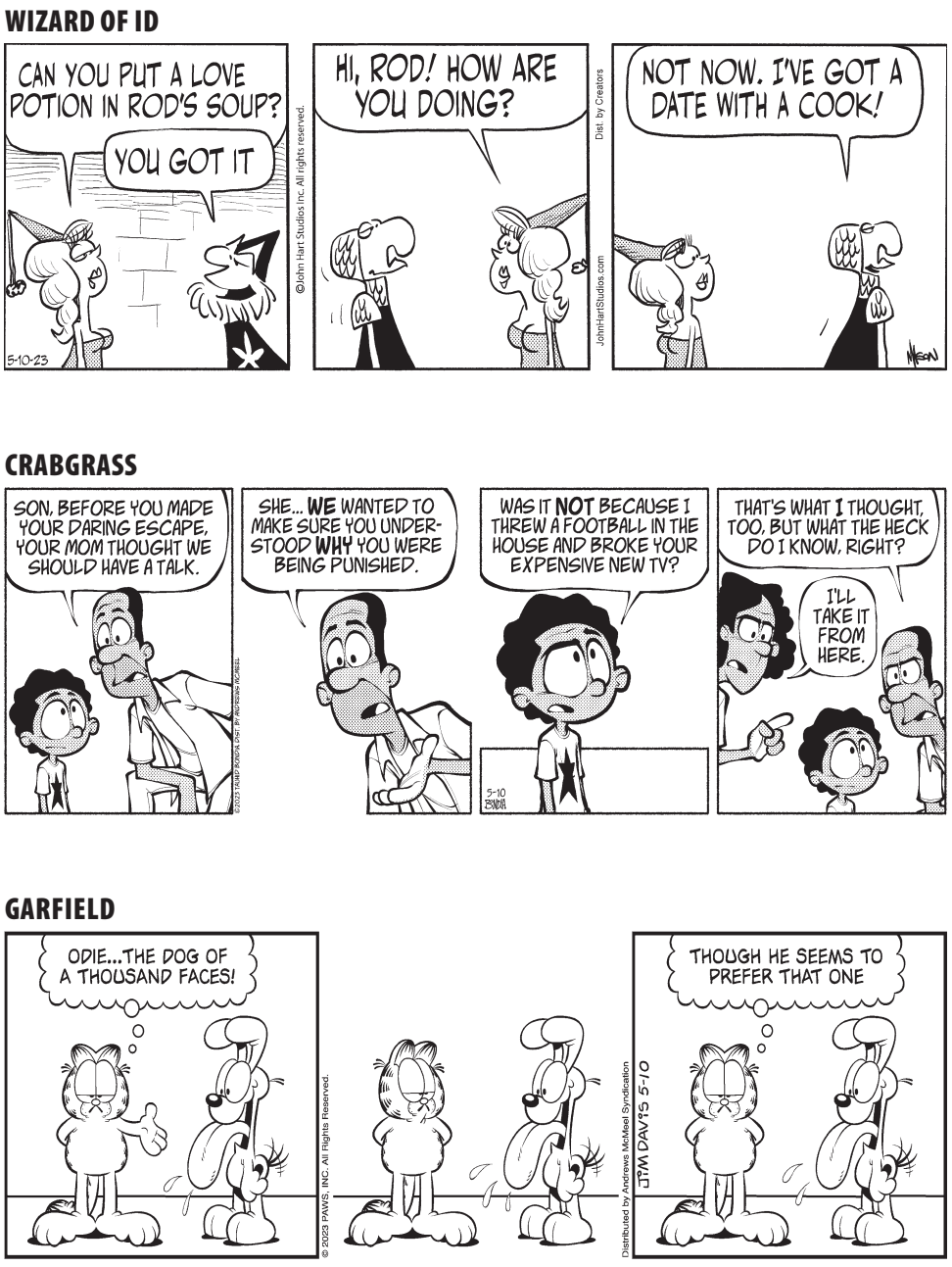
CAN YOU PUT A LOVE POTION IN ROD'S SOUP?
YOU GOT IT
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HI, ROD! HOW ARE YOU DOING?
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NOT NOW. I'VE GOT A DATE WITH A COOK!

CRABGRASS

SON, BEFORE YOU MADE YOUR DARING ESCAPE, YOUR MOM THOUGHT WE SHOULD HAVE A TALK.
SHE... WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTOOD WHY YOU WERE BEING PUNISHED.
WAS IT NOT BECAUSE I THREW A FOOTBALL IN THE HOUSE AND BROKE YOUR EXPENSIVE NEW TV?
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, TOO, BUT WHAT THE HECK DO I KNOW, RIGHT?
I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.
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GARFIELD

ODIE...THE DOG OF A THOUSAND FACES!
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THOUGH HE SEEMS TO PREFER THAT ONE
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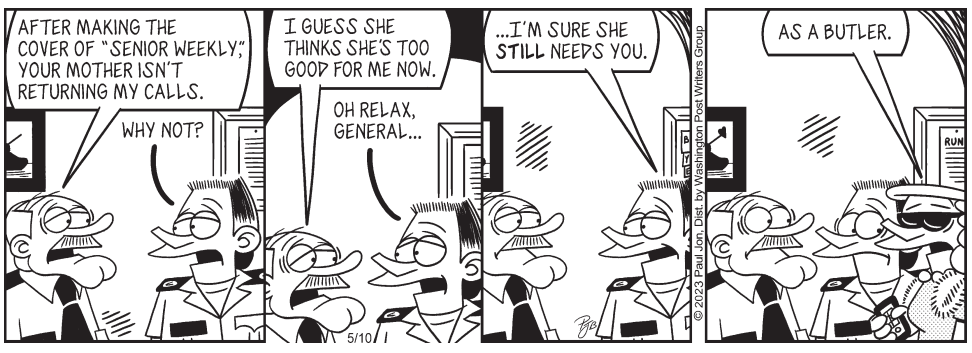
AFTER MAKING THE COVER OF "SENIOR WEEKLY," YOUR MOTHER ISN'T RETURNING MY CALLS.
WHY NOT?
I GUESS SHE THINKS SHE'S TOO GOOD FOR ME NOW.
OH RELAX, GENERAL...
...I'M SURE SHE STILL NEEDS YOU.
AS A BUTLER.
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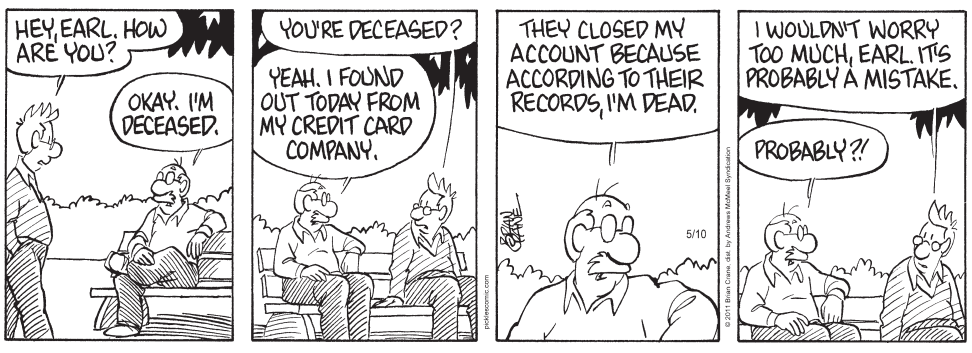
HEY, EARL. HOW ARE YOU?
OKAY. I'M DECEASED.
YOU'RE DECEASED?
YEAH. I FOUND OUT TODAY FROM MY CREDIT CARD COMPANY.
THEY CLOSED MY ACCOUNT BECAUSE ACCORDING TO THEIR RECORDS, I'M DEAD.
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I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH, EARL. IT'S PROBABLY A MISTAKE.
PROBABLY?!
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FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE

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WHAT ARE YOU PAINTING ON YOUR ROCK?
A HEART AND A FLOWER.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU PAINTING ON YOURS?
GODZILLA FIGHTING SPACE VAMPIRES WITH FLAMETHROWERS.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE YOU.
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CURTIS

I FELT KINDA INSULTED WHEN THAT WOMAN CLAIMED I HAD A FAT BEER BELLY!
NO CRYING KIDS
DON'T TRIP OVER IT, GUNTHER...ONE DAY YOU'LL FIND LOVE! SHE WASN'T THE ONE
AVOID PULLING YOUR OWN HAIR OUT
YEH, THIS AIN'T NO FAT BEER BELLY
SOUL SCISSORS
BILLINGSLEY
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THIS IS A SWEET POTATO PIE, GRITS AND OXTAILS SIX-PACK BELLY
DIET HAIRCUT
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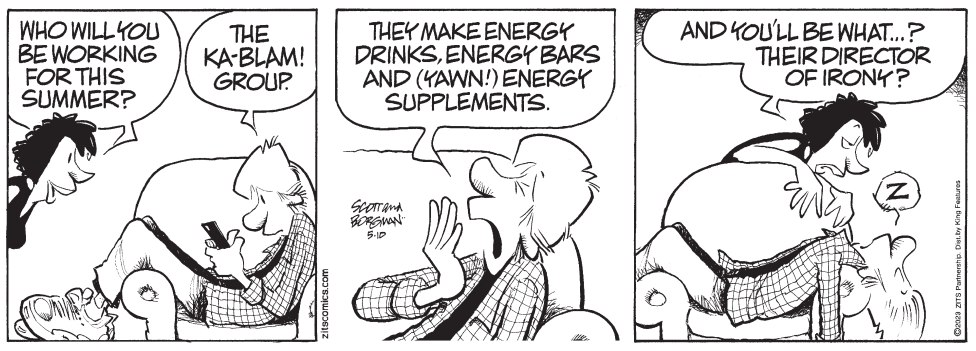
WHO WILL YOU BE WORKING FOR THIS SUMMER?
THE KA-BLAM! GROUP.
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THEY MAKE ENERGY DRINKS, ENERGY BARS AND (YAWN!) ENERGY SUPPLEMENTS.
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AND YOU'LL BE WHAT...? THEIR DIRECTOR OF IRONY?
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, May 10, the 130th day of 2023. There are 235 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 10, 1940, during World War II, German forces began invading the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France. The same day, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

On this date:

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, New York.

In 1818, American patriot Paul Revere, 83, died in Boston.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was captured by Union forces in Irwinville, Georgia.

In 1869, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was named acting director of the Bureau of Investigation (later known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI).

In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, parachuted into Scotland on what he claimed was a peace mission. (Hess ended up serving a life sentence at Spandau Prison until 1987, when he apparently committed suicide at age 93.)

In 1994, Nelson Mandela took the oath of office in Pretoria to become South Africa's first Black president. The state of Illinois executed serial killer John Wayne Gacy, 52, for the murders of 33 young men and boys.

In 1995, 104 miners were killed in an elevator accident in Orkney, South Africa.

In 2002, a tense 39-day-old standoff between Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem ended with 13 suspected militants flown into European exile and 26 released into the Gaza Strip.

In 2014, Michael Sam was picked by the St. Louis Rams in the seventh round of the NFL draft, becoming the first openly gay player drafted by a pro football team. (Sam retired after an unsuccessful stint with the Rams and the Dallas Cowboys.)

Ten years ago: The Internal Revenue Service apologized for what it acknowledged was "inappropriate" targeting of conservative political groups during the 2012 election to see if they were violating their tax-exempt status.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump announced that he would meet in Singapore with North Korea's Kim Jong Un on June 12; the announcement came hours after Trump hosted a welcome-home for three Americans who had been held by Kim's government.

One year ago: Russia pummeled the vital Ukrainian port of Odesa in an apparent effort to disrupt supply lines and Western weapons shipments critical to the defense of the capital, Kyiv. Elon Musk said he would reverse Twitter's permanent ban of former President Donald Trump if he followed through with his plan to buy the social media company. (Musk would complete his purchase of Twitter in October and restore Trump's account.) Authorities said they would not file criminal charges against former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson after he was recorded on video punching a fellow first-class passenger aboard a plane at San Francisco International Airport.

Today's Birthdays: Author Barbara Taylor Bradford is 90. R&B singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 85. Actor David Clennon is 80. Writer-producer-director Jim Abrahams is 79. Singer-songwriter Graham Gouldman (10cc) is 77. Singer Dave Mason is 77. Sports anchor Chris Berman is 68. Actor Bruce Penhall is 66. Former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., is 65. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith, R-Miss., is 64. Actor Victoria Rowell is 64. Rock singer Bono (U2) is 63. Former Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., is 63. Rock musician Danny Carey (Tool) is 62. Actor Darryl M. Bell is 60. Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks is 60. Model Linda Evangelista is 58. Rapper Young MC is 56. Actor Erik Palladino is 55. Rock singer Richard Patrick (Filter) is 55. Actor Lenny Venito is 54. Actor Dallas Roberts is 53. Actor Leslie Stefanson is 52. Actor-singer Todd Lowe is 51. Actor Andrea Anders is 48. Race car driver Helio Castroneves is 48. Rock musician Jesse Vest is 46. Actor Kenan Thompson is 45. Actor Odette Annable is 38. Actor Lindsey Shaw is 34. Actor Lauren Potter is 33. Olympic gold medal swimmer Missy Franklin is 28.

Music in the Park

Mark Campbell

Beautiful weather and the Sounds of Dixieland brought out a nice crowd for the first Live Lunch at Lytle Park event for 2023 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday at Lytle Park in downtown Madison. Red on Main and the Taproom offered special Cajun-themed food options like shrimp Po boys and red beans and rice.

Mark Campbell

The Sounds of Dixieland performing at Live Lunch at Lytle on Friday at Lytle Park in downtown Madison.

Madison asked to join in adopting hazard mitigation plan

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison City Council has been asked to join Jefferson County and the towns of Hanover, Brooksburg and Dupont in approving a new hazard mitigation plan required by FEMA in order to be eligible for federal grants for disaster preparation and recovery.

Troy Morgan, Jefferson County's emergency management director, said the plan is actually updated every five years but is currently about two years overdue due to delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The last update was in 2017 and the process to draft the new update started about 16 months ago to review, revise and update the roughly 100-page document.

"It's very comprehensive and very inclusive," Morgan said, noting the Jefferson County Commissioners adopted the plan by resolution at their last meeting and Brooksburg has also signed off leaving Madison, Dupont and Brooksburg to give approval. "Adopting the resolution is a formality," Morgan said, but the plan is "tied to FEMA grant eligibility."

Citing the fact that they had not seen the actual plan for review — the document did not make it into the packet for the last Wednesday's special meeting — the council members elected to table adoption of the resolution until their next meeting to provide time for review.

The council did adopt two bills on third reading without opposition or comment including ordinances establishing nonreverting funds for the city's Public Arts Commission and Economic Development.

The council also heard the second reading of an amendment to the zoning map to allow development of a gas station/ convenience story/ restaurant at 3910 Michigan Road and tabled the second reading of an amendment to Chapter 98 of the streets sidewalks ordinance until the mayor and full council could be present for discussion.

In other business, Council Pro Tempore Carla Krebs read a proclamation recognizing Visit Madison Inc. and the community's tourism industry as part of 40th anniversary of National Travel and Tourism Week. It was noted that local tourism produces $5.5 million in state and local taxes, relieving the tax burden on each household in the county by about $432 annually. In addition 48 cents of every tourism dollar remains local with 580 jobs produced by the estimated 400,000 annual visitors.

"We're open for business and doing what we can to make it a great experience," said Visit Madison Inc. Executive Tourism Director Andrew Forrester.

The meeting, held on Wednesday since Tuesday's May 2023 primary election conflicted with the normal meeting schedule, had several noticeable absences including Mayor Bob Courtney and Council members Curtis Chatham and Josh Schafer, whose schedules conflicted with the alternative date and time. As a result Krebs presided over a limited agenda as the pro tempore.

The next council meeting will be 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16.

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The city received Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) funds for the projects — $916,984 for the Mulberry Street project and $718,342 for the city's US 421 bridge gateway from Kentucky. But Steinhardt noted the additional $50,000 was needed for minor changes and a few unforeseen circumstances in the projects. Compared to the overall size of the projects, Steinhardt noted the amount was a small change order. "Those READI projects really didn't have any contingency" for unexpected costs, he said.

With the approaching completion of the parking lot at the northeast corner of Mulberry and Second streets, Steinhardt said there are plans to make the same improvements at the parking lot on the southwest corner of Mulberry and Second streets — the former JayC Grocery Store lot now owned by the city.

Redevelopment Commission President John Grote asked Madison Mayor Bob Courtney for an update on prospects for a new grocery operator which the city has been pursuing for downtown Madison. There hasn't been a downtown grocery since the Ruler Foods closed March 31, 2018. In early 2021, the city purchased the building at 120 East Second Street with hopes of facilitating efforts to again utilize the 10,000 square foot building for a grocery.

"On the grocery store, do you think that is still projected for this year?" Grote asked.

Courtney said the city is currently negotiating with a potential operator. "The goal is to go through their real estate committee process in the month of May. So, in the June meeting we'll have an update on the grocery store. And then the economic development process with that developer and operator will begin," he said.

Courtney said the city plans to sell the property for the $525,000 the city paid for the property. "That's subject to working on an economic development agreement," he said. "It's going to be a multi-million dollar investment by this operator. So, we'll work with them to attract the highest return for us, but the highest level of investment for them that accomplishes our goal of bringing in a downtown market to fruition. So, that still has a lot of moving parts to it."

Steinhardt emphasized the importance of a downtown grocery for the city, noting it is the "number one priority."

In other business:

• Approved a contract to All-Star Paving at $146,526.50 for improvements to the Franks Drive intersection at Clifty Drive/State Road 62 which Steinhardt said is less than the engineer's estimate for the project. The intersection improvements are in anticipation of a Culver's restaurant that is slated to be built at 2481 Franks Drive with closing on that property anticipated to take place later this month. With that in mind, the board's approval followed Steinhardt's recommendation that authorization be given to Courtney to sign the contract, but not until after the closing takes place.

Courtney said intersection improvements "are an important element in attracting new development." He noted that the work will make the intersection safer for Ivy Tech Community College Madison and retail businesses that are already there and "it's also critical for another multi-million dollar investment that's going to be there that is part of this whole synergy we're getting from the Sunrise Crossing development" that is attracting "millions of dollars of new investment in our community."

• Approved a resolution for Reedy Financial Group to begin the decrement process to evaluate land in the city and better determine value. Steinhardt noted, for example, that in the past the city received $60,000 in revenue from Madison Coal Company properties, but after city bought that property, it no longer receives anything. So, that needs to be released and re-set to $0.

"Our job as a Redevelopment Commission is to invest money to improve the value and quality of life," said Courtney. Inside these allocation areas are parcels, and it's a process of ensuring they provide the maximum value to the TIF district and the community. "This just literally is a technical process that we have to do and keep on track on that helps us get the most impact out of our TIF district."

• Approved a time extension change order for the Michigan Road pump station that's part of the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing and Residences at Sunrise Crossing projects. Steinhardt said the project has taken longer than anticipated because additional rock formations was encountered and control systems arrived late due to supply chain issues. Steinhardt said the control boards are anticipated to arrive in early August so that pump station should be operational by September.

Steinhardt updated that all four stores at the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing are now under construction with TJ Maxx and Five Below the closest to completion followed by Hobby Lobby and Kohls, the most recent store on which work was begun. He said "I can't give you specific dates or times" when stores will be open but he expects most of them to be operating by late fall and "well in advance of the holiday season." He said the out-parcels have space for additional retail and restaurants which he anticipated announcements on soon.

• Approved an appraisal that was done on an easement for Duke Energy across property at JA Berry Lane and Shun Pike Road that goes across a city-owned parcel. Duke Energy will be burying lines across the city parcel of land at JA Berry Lane that goes to Wilson Avenue. As it turns out, Duke only needed a 15-foot easement with the appraisal at $1,000 which Duke agreed to pay

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Harve Rawson passed away in 2011.

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This position reports directly to the editor of The Madison Courier, and is a 40-hour exempt status position with some night and weekend work as necessary for timely news and information coverage.

Cubs' Carie turns relief role into opportunity at Hanover

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

It's rare for a high school baseball player to willingly accept the role of relief pitcher. For most high schoolers, not being able to start games on the mound is considered somewhat of an insult.

But Madison's Ashton Carie has not only embraced his role as the Cubs' super reliever, but he has excelled at it, giving the team much-needed valuable innings in the middle of games.

"I will throw him against anyone that we play. To come up in the fifth, sixth, seventh innings and throw 30, 40 pitches, it's extremely valuable to our team," Madison coach Kyle Harsin said of his senior right-hander. "Without him, we'd have starters who would have to throw too many pitches. He's still throwing 80 pitches a week, but he's doing it over a span of three or four games. He's extremely valuable to our team."

That value comes with opportunities for Carie and last week he signed to play college baseball at nearby Hanover College next season where innings are often spread among several pitchers each game.

One of the most well-liked guys on the team, Carie has never been about ego or self-promotion. He's just happy to do whatever is needed to help the team.

"It's probably because I don't get too nervous. I don't really have a nervous bone in my body," Carie said of his ability to come in from the bullpen. "(Harsin) will ask me, 'Is your arm ready? Yes, Coach I'm always ready.' I don't feel it anymore. I'm good to go. And he's pretty happy with my answers because I'm never going to tell him no. Use me when you need me."

That easy-going nature makes it easy to root for Carie, who doesn't play a position in the field and only pitches when needed. But his value extends beyond the field as a leader in the dugout and one of the first guys to pump up the team when things are going tough.

David Campbell

Madison reliever Ashton Carie has signed to play baseball at Hanover College.

"The best thing about Ashton is, he's a clubhouse guy. Everybody loves Ashton. If you don't like Ashton Carie, then I don't know what's wrong with you," Harsin said. "He's a great kid, a great person. Everybody loves him. So mix that with being effective on the mound and he's a perfect player. A perfect teammate."

Harsin has used Carie against all manner of opponents — he's appeared in 13 of the Cubs' 21 games this season — had he's allowed just seven earned runs on 14 hits in 19.2 innings pitched for a 2.50 ERA while striking out 24 and walking just five. He currently has a 1-1 record on the season.

Harsin, who was a star pitcher for Madison before heading off to a successful college career at both Louisville and Hanover, attributes Carie's success this season to his ability to make adjustments. Specifically, he adjusted his arm slot in the offseason.

"He's definitely made some pretty big strides over the past couple of years — especially this year. He actually came to me himself and said, 'Hey, Coach, I'm gonna try dropping down a little lower with my arm angle and tell me what you think,' " Harsin said. "He tried it and his ball seems to move about a foot and the rest is history from there. And it was something that he wanted to try on his own."

Carie's decision to go to Hanover was more about academics than athletics. One of the top students in his class, Carie plans to double major in geophysics and mechanical engineering and getting a chance to play baseball is just icing on the cake.

"I sat in on an engineering class and I really enjoyed it. Just the overall environment," Carie said. "I wanted to stay decently close to home as well so this just felt like the right decision."

As for baseball, Carie said he's willing to take his time and earn his opportunities. He doesn't feel like he needs to get into games right away.

"I'm just hoping to be patient, maybe get into a few games my freshman year and kind of get the feel of it," Carie said. "I'll be happy once I get into the new throwing program and they told me they had some other stuff for me to do. So I'm pretty excited for that. And I'm hoping my velocity can improve because that's the only part of my game that I don't like."

"I played for that program for a couple of years and it's a good program and the field is beautiful," Harsin said. "It's gonna be great for him and he'll fit right in. He'll have his own fan club there by the first year in the fall ball. I can't wait for him to get out there."

Madison beats Lawrenceburg, Corydon; win streak snapped

BY JORDAN BEAR

Madison continued its winning ways with victories over Lawrenceburg and Corydon, but saw its eight-game win streak come to an end with a loss to Corydon in baseball over the weekend.

The Cubs built a big lead against Lawrenceburg on Friday at home and held off a late rally to post the 7-4 victory. The Tigers scored four runs in the top of the fifth inning to pull within three but Madison shut Lawrenceburg down to close out the win.

"I told the guys afterwards that those are character building games," Madison coach Kyle Harsin said. "In a game where it appeared we were going to blow the game wide open but then to had to hold off a rally, and bounce back from some defensive mistakes, it shows that you can grow and not panic. I'm proud of the guys for holding strong and keeping the game at bay."

It appeared that Madison was going to blow away the Tigers. Starting pitcher Drew Forner looked sharp on the mound and the Cubs scored quickly in the first inning. Madison eventually built a 7-0 lead after adding four runs in the fourth and appeared to be headed to the easy win.

But Lawrenceburg put together a furious rally, getting timely hitting and a crucial error from the Cub defense to cut into the margin to 7-4.

Forner, who had little trouble through the first four innings, was ultimately chased from the game, but Madison got outstanding relief pitching from Bodie Harsin, who closed out the fifth and sixth innings without giving up any runs.

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TRACK & FIELD ROUNDUP

Rogers breaks 3200 record to lead Switzerland at Rising Sun

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County's Claire Rogers broke the school record in the 3200-meter run and both Switzerland and Southwestern claimed two wins each at the Rising Sun Invitational on Thursday.

Rogers, a sophomore, won the girls 3200 in 11:45.72, shattering the previous mark by 17 seconds. Teammate Gracie White won the 800 run in 2:30.77, just a 10th of a second faster than Southwestern's Olivia Simpson.

On the boys side, Southwestern's Jackson Taylor won the 200 dash in 23.52 and Joe Drossart won the 800 run in 2:10.41.

Other top finishes for Switzerland's girls were: White, second, 1600 run, 6:20.54; Addy Preston, second, discus, 97-0 and second, shot put, 31-2.5; 400 relay, second, 54.27; 1600 relay, second, 4:30.46; Rogers, third, 300 hurdles, 55.75; and Macy Collier, third, high jump, 4-6.

Top finishes for Switzerland's boys were: Nathan Furnish, second, 800 run, 2:13.95 and second, 1600 run, 5:00.92; Luke Sullivan, third, 3200 run, 11:31.84; Matthew Young, third, long jump, 17-5; 400 relay, third, 46.25; and 3200 relay, third, 9:07.82.

Other top finishes for the Southwestern boys were: Taylor, second, 100 dash, 11.83 and fifth, long jump, 16-6.5; Caden Ream, fourth, 3200 run, 11:37.43; 400 relay, fourth, 46.56; Kaeden Higgins, fourth, long jump, 16-8; and Isaac Watson, fifth, shot put, 37-6.5.

Other top finishes for the Southwestern girls were: 3200 relay, second, 10:58.70; Tori Gammons, third, 400 dash, 1:07.37; 1600 relay, fourth, 4:44.99; Kinsten Long, fifth, 3200 run, 14:17.43; and Cadence Long, seventh, discus, 70-1.

David Campbell

Switzerland County sophomore distance runner Claire Rogers broke the school record in the 3200 run last week at Rising Sun.

Both Southwestern and Switzerland County compete in the Ohio River Valley Championships at Switzerland County on Tuesday. The next meet will be the IHSAA Sectionals, with the girls at Madison on Tuesday, May 16 and the boys at Jeffersonville on Thursday, May 18.

CUBS RUN AT BIG BLUE

Madison's girls track & field team posted five wins at the always tough Big Blue Relays at Jennings County on Thursday.

Hannah Dart won two events, claiming the discus with a throw of 90 feet, 10 inches and the shot put at 36 feet, 6.75 inches.

Cadence Traylor won the 3200-meter run in 12:11.40, Libby Bronkella won the pole vault at 9-feet-even, and the distance medley relay team took first in 13:40.95.

On the boys side, Chip Cox continued his domination of the pole vault with a winning jump of 13 feet, 6 inches.

Other top finishes for the Madison girls were: Dellah Gibson, second, high jump, 5-0 and third, long jump, 15-2; 400 relay, second, 53.45; Autumn Ross, third, 100 dash, 13.48; Bridget Cline, third, high jump, 4-8; 3200 relay, third, 10:57.95; Eliza Burnett, fourth, long jump, 14-8; Jasmine Mireles, fourth, shot put, 28-10; 400 shuttle relay, fourth, 41.81; and 1600 relay, fourth, 4:52.89.

Other top finishes for the Madison boys were: Logan Ferris, second, 3200 run, 10:13.92; Colton Copeland, second, high jump, 5-10; 3200 relay, second, 8:46.59; Travis Hoffman, third, 3200 run, 10:24.92; 400 relay, third, 46.06; 800 relay, third, 1:41.76; 1600 relay, third, 3:43.38; Jake Dyer, fourth, long jump, 18-0; Mason Davis, fourth, pole vault, 10-0; 800 sprint relay, fourth, 1:57.49; and distance medley relay, fourth, 12:47.04.

Madison's next meet will be the IHSAA Sectionals. The girls compete at Madison on Tuesday, May 16 and the boys at Jeffersonville on Thursday, May 18.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 9

BASEBALL

Carroll Co. at Western Hills, 6 p.m.
Madison hosts Silver Creek, 6 p.m.
Trimble Co. at Frankfort, 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Southwestern hosts Rock Creek, 5:30 p.m.
Madison hosts Carroll Co., 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Carroll Co. hosts Gallatin Co., 4:30 p.m.
Shawe at Scottsburg, 5 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Henryville, 5 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., ORVC Championships at Switzerland Co., 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10

BASEBALL

Carroll Co. hosts Kentucky Country Day, 5:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. at Waggener, 5:30 p.m.
Madison hosts East Central, 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Southwestern hosts Eastern (Pekin), 5 p.m.
Switzerland Co. at Oldenburg, 5:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Walton-Verona, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

Trimble Co. hosts Carroll Co., 4:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Trimble Co. hosts Carroll Co., 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Madison hosts Columbus North, 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

BASEBALL

Southwestern hosts Providence, 4:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. at Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.

GOLF

Madison hosts Providence, 4:30 p.m.
Shawe hosts Southwestern, New Washington, 4:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts South Ripley, Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Hanover, HCAC Tournament, TBA
Southwestern hosts Milan, 5 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts Carroll Co., 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Southwestern at Christian Academy of Indiana, 5 p.m.
Shawe at Oldenburg, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Carroll Co. hosts all-comers, 6 p.m.

Friday, May 12

BASEBALL

Southwestern at South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Shawe hosts Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.
Madison hosts Franklin Co., 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Southwestern at South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Madison at Henryville, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Carroll Co., Trimble Co., KHSAA Regionals, TBA
Hanover women, NCAA Division III Tournament, TBA

Mark Gish

Shawe third baseman Wyatt Nichter fires to first base during the Hilltoppers' 23-0 win over Rock Creek Academy at home on Saturday.

Shawe rebounds from loss to Trinity by pounding Rock Creek

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trinity Lutheran took control early and rolled to a 14-1 win over Shawe in baseball Thursday in Seymour.

The Hilltoppers managed just four hits in the game while committing four errors. Jacob Hertz had a single and scored a run while Eric Liu, Philip Kahn and Wyatt Nichter each had hits. Tyler Hill had an RBI.

Kahn started on the hill and suffered the loss after allowing seven earned runs on eight hits in an inning and two-thirds with no strikeouts and four walks.

Two days later Shawe scored 23 runs on just 10 hits and rolled to an easy 23-0 win over Rock Creek at home on Saturday.

The visiting Lions committed five errors and walked 16 batters, making the Hilltoppers' efforts that much easier.

Hertz was 3-for-4 with four RBIs and two runs scored for Shawe while Kahn was 2-for-3 with a double, three RBIs and two runs. Nichter was 2-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and three runs, Liu had two hits, two RBIs and four runs, and Sam Fewell had a hit, two RBIs and three runs.

Hertz got the win on the mound after allowing four hits and striking out four without walking a batter.

Shawe, now 9-8 on the season, headed to Southwestern on Monday. The Hilltoppers host Rising Sun on Friday.

Pacers fall to Rising Sun but beat North Decatur

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County suffered a close conference loss to Rising Sun on Friday but regrouped to beat North Decatur on Saturday in baseball action.

Switzerland scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh but fell one run short in a 5-4 loss at home to Rising Sun on Friday.

The Pacers had only four hits in the game, all singles. Roman Hite had a hit and two RBIs, Kemper Kitts had a hit and an RBI, Mason Peelman had a hit and scored a run, and Cooper Todd had a hit.

Zayne Smith took the loss after allowing three earned runs on six hits in four and a third innings with two strikeouts and four walks.

Switzerland again struck late, scoring five times in the bottom of the sixth inning to beat North Decatur on Saturday.

Kaleb Koons had two hits, an RBI and two runs scored for the Pacers. Peelman had two hits and scored a run, Jackson Sparks had two hits, Hite had a hit, an RBI and two runs scored, Kitts had a hit, an RBI and a run, and Todd had a hit.

Koons picked up the win after giving up five runs — none earned — on five hits in four innings with three strikeouts and two walks.

Switzerland, now 6-7 overall and 4-4 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, traveled to Milan on Monday and heads to Rising Sun on Thursday. The Pacers host Oldenburg Academy on Saturday.

Shawe tennis sweeps past South Dearborn

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Shawe had little trouble with South Dearborn, losing only 11 games while posting a 5-0 sweep in girls tennis Thursday at home.

The Hilltoppers won all three singles matches by 6-0, 6-0 scores with Lauren Grote beating Sophie Ferguson at No. 1, Sarah Willhite defeating Delaney Williams at No. 2 and Kelly McClure knocking off Emily Steigerwald at No. 3.

In doubles, Carson Cooke and Autumn Lathrem defeated Sydney Barth and Juliette Hurst 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 in the closest match of the day. Julia Leatherman and Megan Morrison beat Aubrey Lagaly and Miyah Lane 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2.

Shawe, now 7-5 on the season, hosted Milan on Monday and travels to Scottsburg on Tuesday. The Hilltoppers head to Oldenburg on Thursday.

Southwestern bats pound JCD, Clarksville

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern dominated every facet of the game and rolled to two lopsided road wins over the weekend in baseball.

On Friday, the Rebels pounded Ohio River Valley Conference foe Jac-Cen-Del 13-0. Jordan DeAtley had a huge game at the plate and on the mound, hitting a home run, driving in two runs and scoring two runs while tossing a three-hit shutout over five innings with 14 strikeouts and four walks.

Austin Jenkins was 3-for-4 with a triple, an RBI and three runs scored, William Stockdale was 2-for-2 with a double, three RBIs and a run scored, Jamison Lewis had a hit, two RBIs and two runs, and Braxton Lewis had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run.

Barron Welsh, Stockdale and Braxton Lewis combined on a one-hitter in Southwestern's 13-1 win at Clarksville on Saturday. Welsh went four innings and allowed one run and one hit while striking out two and walking five to get the win.

Stockdale was 3-for-3 with a triple, four RBIs and two runs scored, DeAtley was 2-for-3 with a double, an RBI and three runs, Tanner Jacobs was 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run, Adam Traylor had two hits, an RBI and scored twice, Braxton Lewis had two hits and an RBI, Mason Lichlyter had a double, an RBI and two runs, Brady Cook had a hit and two RBIs and Jamison Lewis had a hit, an RBI and a run scored.

Southwestern, now 12-8 overall and 7-1 in the ORVC, hosted Shawe on Monday and host Providence on Thursday. The Rebels travel to South Ripley on Friday.

TUESDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WA..	NBC..	WA..	News	Night	Lopez..	The Wall (N)		Weak Link (N)		WA..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBS..	BigBa..	Sheldon	FBI (N)		FBI: Int (N)		FBI-Wanted (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBC..	Commitment		Night	Lopez..	The Wall (N)		Weak Link (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Insid..	ET (N)	Superman (N)		Gotham Kn. (N)		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	The List	Jeopardy! (N)		Judge (N) (SP)		Celebrity Fam		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Insid..	Jeopardy! (N)		Judge (N) (SP)		Celebrity Fam		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Roots		Frontline (N)				BBC..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopa..	Lone Star (N)		Accused (SF)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS..	Wheel	Jeopa..	FBI (N)		FBI: Int (N)		FBI-Wanted (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Superman (N)		Gotham Kn. (N)		BigBa..	Sheldon	black-i..
41 WDRB	8	9	WD..	News	KY Debate (N)		Lone Star (N)		Accused (SF)		WDRB News		WD..
A&E	28	36	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Road..	Road..	Neigh..
AMC	29	26	(5:00) The Shawshank Redemp...				★★★★ Gran Torino ('08) Clint Eastwood.				Flags of Our...		
COM	45	59	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	(:20) The Office		TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	Daily..
DISC	31	38	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest (N)		Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Catch
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Kiff	Ladyb..	Marvel..	The Peanuts Movie			Marvel..	Big City	Hams..	Marvel..
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		NHL Hockey					NHL Hockey			
FREE	18	40	(4:30) ★★★ Spider-Man 3			Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory					How I..	How I..	700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) ★★★★ Hidden Figures ('16)				★★★★ Sully ('16) Tom Hanks.				★★★★ Sully ('16)		
HBO	201	17	(4:35) Moon...		(:55) Succession		Succession		(:05) ★★★ Horrible Bosses 2 ('14)				Barry
MAX	270	73	(:55) ★★★ Heartbreakers ('01)				★★★ Armageddon ('98) Bruce Willis.					Geostorm	
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★ White House Down ('13) Channing Tatum.						Movie
SHOW	221	16	(5:30) Marcel...		★★★★ Casino ('95) Sharon Stone, Robert De Niro.						Yellow "Qui"		Waco..
TMC	233	74	Movie	(:35) Sophie Jones ('20)			★★★★ Lady Bird ('17)		(:35) Margaux ('22)				
TNT	27	43	(4:30) Passen...		Prega..		Basketball Playoffs: Teams TBA (N) (Live)				NBA Basketball		
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		WWE NXT (N) (Live)				(:10) Enemy of the State		

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WA..	NBC..	WA..	News	Chicago (N)		Chi. Fire (N)		Chicago (N)		WA..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBS..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Survivor (N)		FBI "Obligation"		True Lies (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBC..	WLWT	Holly..	Chicago (N)		Chi. Fire (N)		Chicago (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Insid..	ET (N)	The Flash (N)		Riverdale (N)		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	The List	Jeopardy! (N)		Wheel (N) (SF)		Game Show (P)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Insid..	Jeopardy! (N)		Wheel (N) (SF)		Game Show (P)		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Wild Sca (N) (P)		NOVA (N)		Iconic (N)		BBC..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopa..	Masked (N)		Farmer (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS..	Wheel	Jeopa..	Survivor (N)		FBI "Obligation"		True Lies (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	The Flash (N)		Riverdale (N)		BigBa..	Sheldon	black-i..
41 WDRB	8	9	WD..	News	Judge..	Judge..	Masked (N)		Farmer (N)		WDRB News		WD..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	(5:00) ★★★★ The Karate Kid ('84)				★★★★ My Cousin Vinny ('92) Joe Pesci.				Weekend at ...		
COM	45	59	South..	South..	South..	South..	South..	South..	South Park		Digma..	Awk..	South..
DISC	31	38	Moonshiners		Moonshine (N)		Moonshine (N)		Belushi (N)		HiSci..	HiSci..	Distiller
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Kiff	Ladyb..	Marvel..	Big City	Big City	Villains	Villains	Big City	Hams..	Marvel..
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		NHL Hockey						NHL Hockey		
FREE	18	40	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	Single	Single	700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) Mission: Impossible Ro...				★★★ The Equalizer 2 ('18)					The Equaliz...	
HBO	201	17	(5:30) I Now Pronoun...			(:25) B..	★★ Blended ('14) Adam Sandler.				Succession		White
MAX	270	73	★★★★ The Grey ('12)				★★★★ Nightcrawler ('14)				The Purge: Anarchy		
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	Movie					U.S. Marshals	
SHOW	221	16	(5:00) 3 Days...		Waco: The		★★★★★ Dances With Wolves ('90) Kevin Costner.						Yellow
TMC	233	74	(:15) ★★★★ Adrift ('18)				★★★ The General's Daughter				★★★★ Snowpiercer ('13)		
TNT	27	43	Lucifer		Prega..		Basketball Playoffs: Teams TBA (N) (Live)				NBA Basketball		
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..

THURSDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WA..	NBC..	WA..	News	Law (N)		Law-SVU (N)		Law-Crime (N)		WA..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBS..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Sheldon	Ghosts	So Help Me (N)		CSI: Vegas (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBC..	WLWT	Holly..	Law (N)		Law-SVU (N)		Law-Crime (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News	Asian	Zone	ET (N)	Walker (N) (SF)		100 Days		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	The List	Station 19 (N)		Anatomy (N)		20/20		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Insid..	Station 19 (N)		Anatomy (N)		20/20		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Antiques (N)		Doc Martin		Father Brown		BBC..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopa..	Next Level Chef (N) (SF)				FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS..	Wheel	Jeopa..	Sheldon	Ghosts	So Help Me (N)		CSI: Vegas (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Walker (N) (SF)		100 Days		BigBa..	Sheldon	black-i..
41 WDRB	8	9	WD..	News	Judge..	Judge..	Next Level Chef (N) (SF)				WDRB News		WD..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First (N)		City Conf. (N)		First48
AMC	29	26	(5:30) ★★★★ My Cousin Vinny				★★★★ The Green Mile ('99) David Morse, Tom Hanks.						
COM	45	59	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	(:20) The Office		TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	South..
DISC	31	38	(5:30) BattleBots (N)				BattleBots (N)					Mark (N)	
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Kiff	Ladyb..	Marvel..	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Big City	Hams..	Marvel..
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		NBA	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
FREE	18	40	(5:30) ★★★★ Trainwreck ('15)				★★ The Waterboy ('98)				Good Trbl (N)		700Club
FX	40	28	(4:30) ★★★ Spider-Man 3			Captain America: The First Avenger					Patient	Patient	Movie
HBO	201	17	Movie	★★★ Office Space ('99)			Succession		(:05) ★★ Push ('09) Chris Evans.				Barry
MAX	270	73	(:15) ★★★ Kin ('18) Myles Truitt.				Lara Croft: Tomb ...			(:40) Lara Croft Tomb Raider...			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	Movie				★★★ Old School ('03)		
SHOW	221	16	★★★★ Gangs of New York ('02) Leonardo DiCaprio.						Waco: The		Yellow "Qui"		Movie
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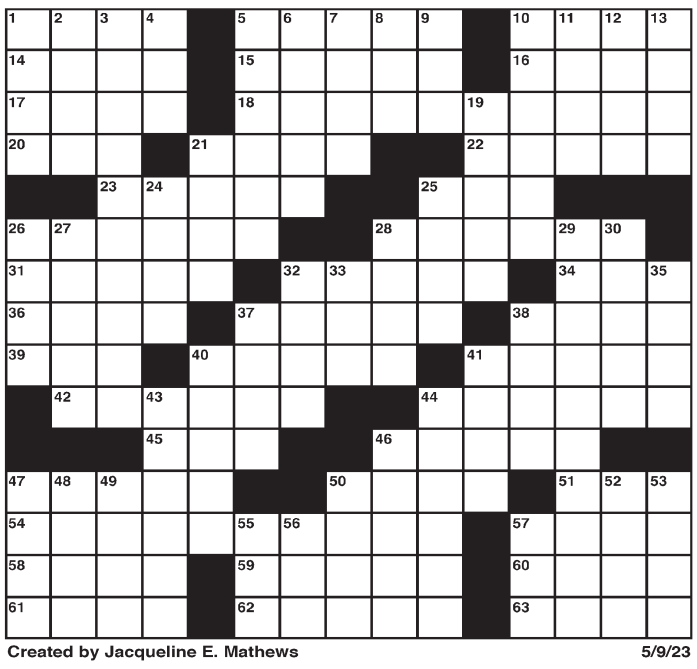

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ACROSS
1 Shirts & blouses
5 Units of length
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14 "__ want for Christmas is my…"
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17 Source of protein
18 Lessening
20 __ sauce; teriyaki marinade
21 Shipbuilding wood
22 Stupid
23 Ghost
25 Moral transgression
26 Be frugal
28 Actor Don
31 "All __"; Irving Berlin song
32 Assumed name
34 Uncooked
36 Decisive defeat
37 Rascal
38 Girl's nickname
39 Hostel
40 Gushes forth
41 __ Lee Curtis
42 Swirls like spa waters
44 Natural flair
45 "Pomp __ Circumstance"
46 Three and four
47 Practical joke
50 __ colada
51 Flood barrier
54 Part of RN
57 Asian desert
58 Small numbers
59 Martini garnish
60 No longer valid
61 Luxurious
62 Hourglass
63 Pre-owned

DOWN
1 Woolen caps
2 Bread spread
3 School recess area
4 Command to Fido
5 Became friends again
6 Perfect
7 Word attached to pad or wed
8 Get it wrong
9 Catch sight of
10 Not in class
11 Equestrian's control
12 Trash barrels
13 Enormous
19 "Bye, Juan!"
21 Heavy book
24 Helpful suggestion
25 Clothing fastener
26 Indira's dress
27 Duplicate
28 Novak & Basinger
29 Humongous
30 Lustrous fabric
32 Many hardware stores
33 Regulation
35 Stimulate, as an appetite
37 Earned a ticket
38 Actor Christian
40 Basins
41 Most populous island
43 Cheese __; Starbucks edible
44 Like a good steak
46 Sifting device
47 __ up; support from behind
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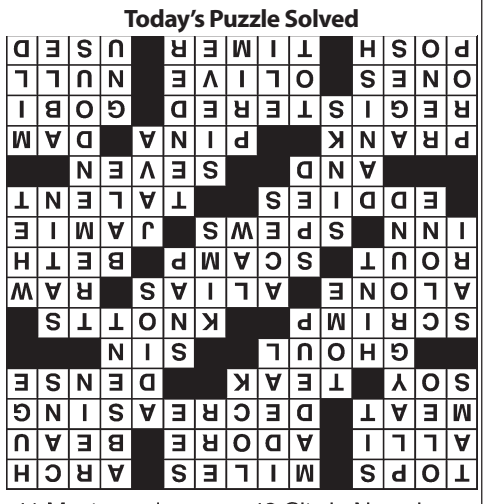

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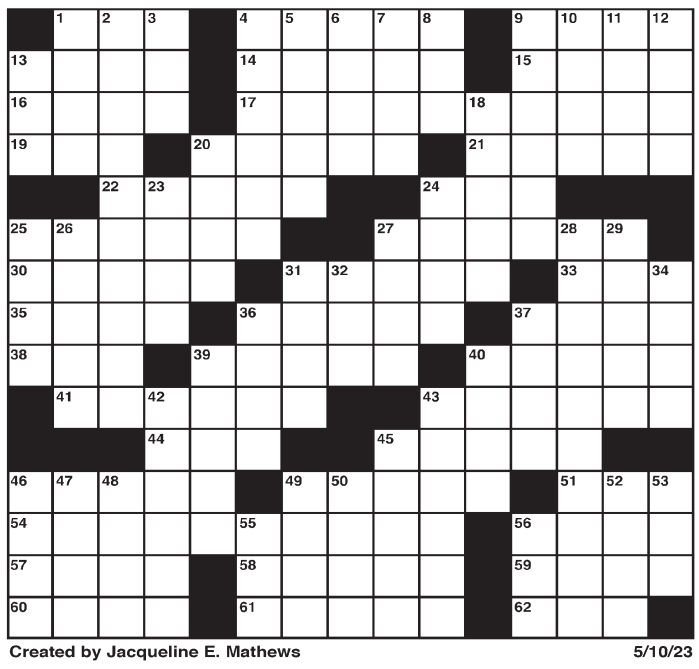

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17 Sure to happen
19 Yrbk. section
20 Jagged
21 Buddy, for one
22 Small kitchen appliance
24 Solidify
25 Spooks
27 Truthful
30 Yellowstone & Yosemite
31 Nonsense
33 Smack
35 Goes on stage
36 Nat & Natalie
37 Short note
38 __ West
39 __ up; delays
40 Wild brawl
41 Bizarre thing
43 "Strawberry __ Forever"; Beatles hit
44 Part of a royal flush
45 Italian cars
46 Black-and-white animal
49 Puts on weight
51 Stetson, for one
54 Like food that will decay
56 Skeletal part
57 Raggedy __; classic dolls
58 Stomach woe
59 A's followers
60 Eat between meals
61 Unkempt
62 TV's "Big __"

DOWN
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2 Hoodwinked
3 Univ. acceptance criterion
4 Steeples
5 Unimportant
6 Tomahawks
7 __ it up; have a ball
8 Lanai accessory
9 Unchanging
10 Chicago team
11 Suffix for bear or fix
12 New driver, often
13 Mary Ellen, to John-Boy
18 Itty-bitty
20 Former loves
23 Riles
24 __ ballistic; loses it
25 Unwanted email
26 Chocolaty bean
27 Does garden work
28 PTSD; battle fatigue
29 Used a stopwatch
31 Sacred
32 Vintage
34 On one's __; alert
36 Pigeon shelter
37 Track-and-field event
39 2006 American Idol
40 War casualties
42 European language
43 Dressy clothes
45 Smoothing implements
46 Extend across
47 Number-picking game
48 Fancy vases
49 Destructive wind
50 "Sesame Street" lesson
52 Singer Williams
53 __-hee; giggle
55 Sing with lips closed
56 Air gun pellets

Today's Puzzle Solved

Successful sister ponders her family obligation

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My question is about family obligations — both financial and emotional. My sister and I are both in our 70s and retired.

She has made life choices that have left her alone and out of money with serious health issues. She has had multiple marriages that failed. She quit working at a young age (30s) due to health concerns.

I believe our mother supported her for years before (my mother's) death in 2003. We live 1,000 miles apart.

She has children who live near her: one who has not had contact with her in a decade and one who helps only when she feels she has to.

I have been married for over 40 years; we both worked hard for decades and have a reasonable retirement that may or may not last as long as we live.

My sister has often expressed how she needs money, without actually asking for it. I have given her about $1,000 over this past year. I send cash gifts for holidays and birthdays, but I'm sure that is nowhere near what she needs.

She has recently asked me to exit her life due to "lack of support."

She has never been a kind person.

I am looking for an objective answer as to what my support for her should be, if any. My last visit to see her was 10 years ago, and I have no desire to visit again.

She has a social worker and gets some government help but still lives independently in an apartment she can't afford.

Her children have never asked me for money. The one who does help her out reluctantly is a high earner. The other one, not so much.

I wonder how other families handle these situations.

Any advice? — Sorry Sister

Dear Sister: Other families handle this the way your family is: by wading through their confusion, guilt and sorrow — and by making choices they then doubt.

In short, most families react to messy situations in messy ways.

You are not obligated to help your sister — or anyone.

Sons' calls trigger mom's anxiety

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I have trouble insulating myself from the anxiety caused by my young adult sons' life issues. They are 21 and 26 years old.

I've done what I could as a mom to raise independent adults. They are doing well for the most part (the younger still in college), but we are close and they confide in me. This can really send me into a tailspin.

Our older son has chosen a lifestyle that is built around being outdoors, but his work can be sporadic and he can be very scattered. I believe he may have some depression and doesn't always take his meds for his ADHD. But I'm glad he confides in me, and I prompt him to take care of himself.

Our younger son has chosen an extremely competitive academic and professional path. He seems to have built in good options for himself, but recently he had a fender bender in the car, and I worry about him.

My anxiety about my sons really impacts me on a daily basis, and is not healthy.

I worry about their futures and their ability to become the people they want to become, have successful careers, and support themselves. Any words of wisdom? — Worried Mom

Dear Worried: First for the sharp shock: You will thrill to your kids' victories and worry over their defeats for the rest of your life.

Relationships with your children represent life's longest game, and so you have to find healthy ways to pace yourself — otherwise your heart will stop every time your phone rings, and you'll have a panic attack over every fender bender.

Mind you, the only thing worse than the phone ringing, is the phone NOT ringing, and in that regard you have an enviable relationship with these young men.

The fact that they honestly share their trials and concerns with you means that they will likely be good partners and parents if they choose that path.

When your sons share (or overshare) about challenges in their lives, ask yourself: Do I need to act? Am I being asked to do anything?

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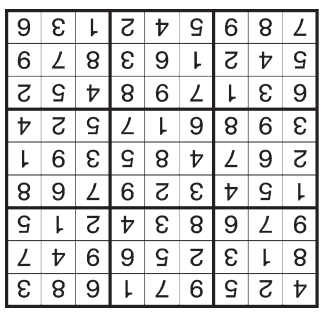

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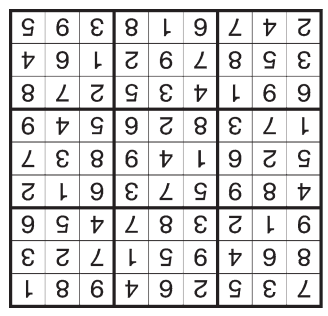

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Appearing in the right places with the right people could help you reap extra benefits, so embrace any opportunities to socialize. New acquaintances can overlook your flaws and new experiences can bring out the best in you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Social gatherings can make your budding star power increase; you may meet some new admirers today. At heart you may prefer true love and commitment but right now you could be attracted to living life in the fast lane.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Resolve to spend more time reading the fine print and listening to others. Although you have some imaginative business ideas with plenty of potential, there could be delays or you might be unaware of some limitations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The star relies on the supporting cast. Your name might not be in the headlines but your contributions to someone's success can put money in the bank. This may be the right time to cooperate with others rather than compete with them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone could change their mind, causing you a certain amount of inconvenience. Your feelings might be hurt, or you may overreact if you feel unappreciated. Just bring yourself back to your center. Meddling with a problem could make it worse.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It might be difficult to talk to someone who may be deliberately deceptive. You may be open-minded and fair, but there are some things you cannot ignore. It may be necessary to make tough choices to maintain the highest standards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Repetitive tasks and unpleasant duties may be boring. One way to get out of your rut is to find ways to meet new people or explore unfamiliar places. Take notes when you have ideas about ways to increase profits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Stand up for yourself and adequate support from others can follow. Whatever choice you make may attract attention and approval. Your admirable work habits or ingenious ideas could receive plenty of recognition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Use your imagination to escape from the here and now. You could look forward to enjoying some entertainment or upcoming family get-togethers. Wait for better timing to discuss a touchy issue with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Hard work and persistence can pay off. You may be pleased with your progress and generosity with family members. You might be tempted to spend lavishly because you believe you deserve the best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — If you look at your bank balance, you might be alarmed by downward trends. This could be a great time to scrutinize your bills, make a new budget, and/or cancel subscriptions you no longer need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Although there are times when you may feel invincible, you might be sensitive to direct or implied criticism from your peers. Instead of shaming yourself, take a deeper look — you could learn a very helpful lesson.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your personal charisma may be glowing like a neon sign so be sure to spell out what you have to offer. You should succeed if you make your desires known. Try not to go off on your own and waste possible opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone's emotional reactions might fly in the face of logic. Think before you respond and try not to let things get you down. Keep your cards close to your chest and wait to address family issues and frictions for now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your fabulous imagination can build profitable plans. You should pay attention if someone points out something is missing. There can be plenty of time to make repairs before your plans are launched.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take your dreams one step closer to reality by outlining an image, then take your time about coloring in the details. You should have plenty of steam and get a great deal accomplished because you understand the final objectives.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may become irritated by someone who seems defensive or difficult. If you are feeling emotional, take a step back and reevaluate. Tempers could easily become frayed, so break out some time to level yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Flattering a family member with some praise or making a special someone smile could be at the top of your to-do list today. Taking time to understand someone's love language really shows you care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Whimsical and playful discussions can promote good feelings but try not to take passing compliments too seriously. You might be at your best when working on a project with others or organizing your social calendar.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — There are plenty of worthy causes to contemplate and admirable people to emulate. Performing a job or working on a project could fuel your desire to be a cooperative member of a cohesive team.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You could be the one that everyone wants to be around. Take stock of your long-term goals and be sure there is enough room to accommodate the scope of your plans. You might feel like splurging or being extravagant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Drive and ambition could get you where you want to go, but never forget that you need other people to make your efforts worthwhile. Do not give up on a perfectly good plan because of a few discouraging words or small setback.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — There may be more laurels to be won so do not rest on the ones you have already gathered. Function as an inspiration for friends and family or be a model of industry. Consider joining a club, a gym or social organization.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Price and value are not the same things. Your good taste might be dipping towards extremes, so you could pay a lot or waste a lot. It might be better to create exactly what you want by using the resources already at hand.

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Fulton pitches, hits Rebels to win over Jac-Cen-Del

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Ashley Fulton threw a five-hit shutout and smacked two doubles to lead Southwestern to a 10-0 win over Jac-Cen-Del in softball Friday on the road.

Fulton, a junior, struck out nine and walked one while allowing just five singles in six innings in the circle. She was also 3-for-3 at the plate with two doubles, two RBIs and two runs scored.

Nataley Morrison was 2-for-2 with two RBIs and a run scored, Rorie Scroggins was 2-for-3, Riley Scroggins had a hit, an RBI and two runs scored, Chloey Leach had a hit and scored a run, Jenny Tankersley drove in a run and scored a run, and Allie Birchfield scored two runs.

Southwestern, now 10-10 overall and 3-4 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, has a week full of games ahead of it. The Rebels hosted Christian Academy of Indiana on Monday and hosts Rock Creek on Tuesday. They then host Eastern (Pekin) on Wednesday and Milan on Thursday before heading to South Ripley on Friday.

TRIMBLE FALLS TO OWEN

Owen County's Rachel Howard belted a three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat Trimble County 4-3 in softball Thursday in Owenton.

Trimble was held to just five hits in the game, all singles. Jocie Stucker had a hit and two RBIs, Maddie Nixon had a hit and an RBI, Emma Ginn had a hit and scored twice, Shelby Wright and Alanna Washington each had a hit, and Kaylee Payton scored a run.

Alyssa Ritchie was fantastic through six innings but ended up tagged with the loss after allowing four earned runs on seven hits with four strikeouts and three walks.

Trimble, now 18-10 overall, falls to 3-2 in the North Central Kentucky Conference and 6-3 in 31st District play. The Raiders hosts Walton-Verona on Wednesday.

RISING SUN BEATS PACERS

Switzerland County was held to just three hits in an 11-3 loss at home to Rising Sun in softball on Friday.

Jessica Bruce had a hit and drove in a run for the Pacers while Aryanna Cunningham had a hit and scored a run and Macy Cook had a hit.

Emily Oatman took the loss after allowing seven earned runs on 15 hits in seven innings with four strikeouts and a walk.

Switzerland, now 6-8 overall and 3-4 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, traveled to Milan on Monday and heads to Oldenburg on Wednesday. The Pacers then host Carroll County on Thursday.

CARROLL LOSES TO EMINENCE

Carroll County and Eminence combined for seven runs in the seventh inning but Eminence blasted its way to a 10-8 softball win on Thursday.

The host Warriors held leads of 4-0, 5-2 and 7-4 before Carroll scored four runs in the top of the seventh to take an 8-7 lead. But Eminence's Sara Welch hammered a three-run walk-off home run for the game-winner.

Brooklyn Rose was 2-for-4 with a home run, a double, two RBIs and two runs scored for the Panthers, Adree Dermon had two hits and scored a run, Hemi Dickerson had two hits and two RBIs, Madi Groves had a triple, an RBI and two runs, Taylor Butler had a double and a run, Brinley Couch had a double, and Josie Dale had an RBI and two runs.

Groves suffered the loss after allowing two earned runs on five hits in six and two-thirds innings with six strikeouts and three walks.

Carroll, now 7-12 overall, falls to 2-4 in the North Central Kentucky Conference and 4-6 in the 31st District. The Panthers traveled to Western Hills on Monday and to Madison on Tuesday. Carroll heads to Switzerland County on Thursday.

MADISON

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Ashton Carie then stepped up in the seventh and quickly retired the side to pick up the save.

Colin Yancey led the way offensively for Madison, going 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs while Clint Hearne had two hits and scored two runs and Craig Demaree was 1-for-2 with two RBIs. Forner had a hit and an RBI, Mitchell Cammack had a hit and scored a run, and Orrill had an RBI and scored twice.

Forner got the win on the mound, allowing three earned runs while striking out eight in four and two-thirds innings.

Madison traveled to Corydon for two games on Saturday and scored most of its runs in the final three innings to post the 7-3 win in game one.

The Cubs were locked in a 1-1 tie when they scored one run in the fifth inning, then added three in the sixth and two more in the seventh to pull away for the win.

Madison had seven hits in the game, five of which were doubles. Nick Johnson was 2-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored, Abe Reetz had a double, an RBI and scored a run, Demaree had a double and an RBI, Vonch and Colton O'Neal each doubled and scored a run and Forner had a hit and an RBI.

Orrill allowed two earned runs on six hits in six innings with eight strikeouts and five walks to pick up the win.

Corydon scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and rallied for an 8-6 win in the second game to end Madison's eight-game win streak.

O'Neal was 2-for-2 with two RBIs for the Cubs, Yancey and Orrill each had two hits and scored a run, Forner had a hit and a run, Demaree and Myles Barnes each had a hit and an RBI, and Reetz had a hit.

Bodie Harsin suffered the loss in relief after giving up three runs — just one earned — on two hits in one inning.

Despite the game two loss, Madison is rolling at the right time of the season, unlike last year when the Cubs seemed to fade down the stretch.

"The leadership from guys like Ben (Orrill), Zander (Vonch), and all the seniors has been huge for the team," senior Liam Murphy said. "We're not being selfish and we all have one goal in mind. We keep playing like this, we're going to be tough to beat."

Coach Harsin knows what his team is capable of. "We know what's coming in the sectional, so we have to use these last few weeks to get ready and get sharp," he said. "Our guys are having fun, they're playing together, and they have a goal in mind. It's all in their hands and we're ready to get a few more good games in before the tournament starts. Hopefully, our play continues and we close out strong."

Madison, now 15-6 on the season, will play three home games this week when it hosts Silver Creek on Tuesday, East Central on Wednesday and Franklin County on Friday.

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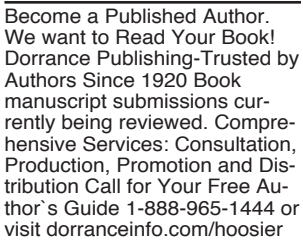

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Madison volleyball beats Scottsburg for 12th win

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison boys volleyball rolled to a three-set win over Scottsburg at home on Friday.

The Cubs won 25-14, 27-25, 25-15. Lyric Derringer was 13-for-13 serving with three kills and 10 digs for the Cubs, Sonny Koren was 9-for-10 serving with an ace, two kills, 10 digs and 30 assists, Liam Roney had 10 kills, three aces, two blocks and and three digs, Jackson Schwartz had 10 kills and two blocks, Kyle Roney had 10 kills, five aces, two blocks and 15 digs and Ian Eiriksson had four aces.

Madison, now 12-8, closes out the regular season at home against Columbus North on Wednesday. The sectional tournament begins on Friday at an as yet to be determined location.

Madison golf 2nd at Batesville, Ashley ties for 1st

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's golfers finished a close second in the 12-team Batesville Invitational at Hillcrest Country Club there on Saturday.

The Cubs shot a 324, just four strokes back of Mount Vernon. Greensburg was a distant third with a 336.

Madison was led by Henry Ashley, who carded a 77 to tie Greensburg's Colton Schroeder for lowest score, but lost medalist honors on a scorecard playoff.

Landon True shot a 79 for the Cubs, Clayton Benkert had an 82, Luke Barron had an 86 and Jackson Lynch an 89.

Madison hosted Columbus East on Monday and hosts Providence on Thursday.

Hanover baseball sweeps Defiance, splits with Bluffton

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover swept a doubleheader at Defiance on Saturday to keep the Panthers' tournament hopes alive.

Hanover won the first game 4-0 behind a six-hit shutout by Marcus Goodpaster. Goodpaster struck out seven and walked one while improving to 8-0 on the season.

Alex Christie had a home run and drove in two runs for the Panthers while Robert Carroll was 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. Sam Perkins and Jake Danneman each had two hits.

Hanover again got dominate pitching in a 6-1 win in the nightcap. Matthew Alter allowed one run on four hits in eight innings to pick up the win.

Christie again homered while Connor Farnsley had three doubles, Spencer Martinelle had a triple and Perkins drove in three runs.

Hanover then wrapped up the regular season on Sunday by splitting a HCAC twinbill with Bluffton in games moved to St. Xavier High School in Louisville due to the weather. The Panthers won game one 17-2 in seven innings before losing the nightcap 5-2.

Reid Douglas scored two runs, Perkins had two RBIs and freshman Robert Carroll drove in a run in the five-run first inning to seize control of game one and the Panthers tacked on five more in the second.

The Beavers drew first blood in game two with a three-run first inning before Hanover got a run back in the bottom of the third inning on a Connor Farnsley single to left that made it 3-1 and added another run in the bottom of the fifth on a bases loaded Spencer Martinelle walk but Bluffton answered with two runs in seventh to deny the Panthers 5-2.

Hanover closes out the season at 16-23 overall and 10-12 in the HCAC. The Panthers tied for seventh in the conference to miss the six-team HCAC tourney by two games. The tournament begins on Thursday with Franklin (30-10, 18-4 HCAC) as the top seed.

Suns owner wants no NBA punishment for Nuggets' Jokic

BY PAT GRAHAM AND DAVID BRANDT
AP SPORTS WRITERS

DENVER — The Denver Nuggets remain hopeful that center Nikola Jokic receives no additional punishment by the league after he made contact in the stands with Phoenix Suns owner Mat Ishbia.

Ishbia feels the same way.

On his Twitter account Monday, Ishbia praised his team's performance and urged no further disciplinary action for the Nuggets' two-time NBA MVP.

"Great win for the Suns last night in an amazing series so far!" Ishbia posted. "That should be and is the only story. Suspending or fining anyone over last nights incident would not be right. I have alot of respect for Jokic and don't want to see anything like that. Excited for game 5! Go Suns!"

A fine from the league could be in line for Jokic. Or no punishment at all. But a suspension isn't out of the realm of possibility, either. The second-round series is moving back to Denver for Game 5 on Tuesday night tied at 2-2 after both teams won at home.

Nuggets coach Michael Malone said Monday that he hasn't heard from the league.

"I don't deal with the NBA in those matters. That's something that a front office would be dealing with," Malone said. "I'm worried about trying to help our guys out to find a way to come home and win Game 5 to take this lead again."

Jokic was assessed a technical foul in the second quarter of Game 4 on Sunday night when the big man tried to snatch the ball back from Ishbia, who was sitting courtside, and hit Ishbia with an elbow.

The situation set social media ablaze and overshadowed a game in which the Suns won 129-124. One of the topics up for debate was whether it was a flop by Ishbia, a former walk-on basketball player at Michigan State, or excessive contact from Jokic.

"I was hoping they'd give him a flopping charge," Malone said of Ishbia. "That would probably be the only fine I could imagine, but I have no idea."

The mini-fracas began when Suns guard Josh Okogie crashed into the seats while trying to save a loose ball. He landed in a group of fans on the baseline that included Ishbia, who held on to the basketball.

Jokic was trying to get the ball quickly — apparently so the Nuggets could start getting into their offensive possession — when he attempted to grab the ball away from Ishbia. The ball flew backward into the crowd, and then Ishbia was knocked backward by Jokic's elbow.

Jokic defended his actions after a game in which he had 53 points and 11 assists.

"The fan put the hand on me first," Jokic explained. "I thought the league was supposed to protect us. Maybe I am wrong. I know who he is, but he is a fan. Isn't he?"

Malone agreed.

"That's not an owner in the stands. He's a fan," Malone said Monday. "We don't designate who's in the stands. I just felt after watching that whole incident, Nikola is just trying to get the ball. I felt the embellishment was almost comical, from my standpoint."

There were a few minutes of confusion as officials sorted out the weird scene, and then Jokic was assessed a technical foul. The Suns made the ensuing free throw.

Devin Booker finished with 36 points and 12 assists. He also gave a shout-out to the Suns owner.

"He got us a point!" Booker said with a grin.

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The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed $.013 per $100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2024. Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposed tax rate for the Cumulative Voting System Fund is subject to certification by the Department of Local Government Finance.
Within 30 days after the date of the adoption of the cumulative fund by the County Commissioners, the County of Jefferson will publish a Notice of Adoption.
Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, 25 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund.
Dated this 25th day of April, 2023.
Jefferson County Commissioners
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Notice is hereby given that Southwestern Jeff erson County Consolidated School Corporation will receive sealed bids for the transportation of school children for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Sealed bids will be on designated school bus routes as described in the route description and specifi cations. Th e Board of School Trustees will award bids and/or negotiate on the basis of bids. Sealed bids on individual routes will be received at the Central Offi ce, 239 South Main Cross Street, Hanover, Indiana 47243 until **10:00A.M on Monday, June 5, 2023**. All prospective bidders should attend the opening of bids meeting on **Monday, June 5, 2023** in the Southwestern Elementary Board Room at **5:00 p.m.**
All bidders must furnish, as bid surety, a certifi ed or cashier's check payable to Southwestern Jeff erson County Consolidated School Corporation in the amount of two hundred dollars ($200.00). All surety shall be returned as per bid specifi cations. A fully executed non-collusion affi davit and additional materials shall accompany each bid. Route descriptions and specifi cations, which describe the routes to be traveled, the equipment to be furnished, and all other conditions required in the contract are available at the central offi ce at the above address.
The Board of School Trustees of Southwestern Jeff erson County Consolidated School Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids (IC 20-27-5-10), to waive any information or irregularities, and to make any necessary changes or alterations in the original route description. A minimum of one route will be awarded to any one contract driver. Each contract driver must be a proposed school bus driver and registered owner. Th e contract driver is advised that the Board of School Trustees reserves the right to award the routes or to assign the route(s) to the Corporation pool. Th e age and condition of the equipment will be considered a factor in route awards. Th e Board reserves the right to negotiate or make an off er, as they deem appropriate prior to the beginning of a new contract.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
2023 Cold Central Plant Recycling (CCPR) Paving for the Jefferson County Highway Department Jefferson County, Indiana

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County Highway Department, of the State of Indiana acting by and through the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County ("Owner") will receive sealed bid proposals for construction of the 2023 Cold Central Plant Recycling (CCPR) Paving project.
Sealed proposals may be submitted by registered mail or delivered in person. Proposals sent by registered mail shall be submitted to the address below. **Sealed proposals will be received in person at the Jefferson County Highway Department garage, 3135 Clifty Drive, Madison, Indiana 47250 at a public meeting held for this purpose at 10:00 AM EST on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.** All proposals will then be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following this collection period. Any proposals received after the above?designated time will be returned unopened.

Sealed proposals shall be submitted to:
Jefferson County Highway Department
Attn: 2023 CCPR Project
3135 Clifty Drive
Madison, IN 47250

Each proposal shall be a unit price bid. This project provides for the **paving of selected existing roadways with cold central plant recycled material** and all other work incidental to the construction, as required by these Bidding Documents, the Agreement between the Owner and Contractor (the "Agreement"), Indiana Department of Transportation Standard Specifications 2022 including the Supplemental Specifications, General Provisions, and Special Provisions (collectively, the "Specifications").
Only proposals from contractors currently registered on the Indiana Department of Transportation's Prequalified Contractor list and registered through the Beam Longest and Neff plan room will be considered. Any proposals submitted by contractors not fulfilling the above requirements will be returned to the bidder unopened.
Construction Plans and Bidding Documents are available for viewing at the following locations after **12:00 p.m. local time on May 4th, 2023:**

Beam, Longest & Neff, L.L.C.
8320 Craig Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46250

Jefferson County Highway Department
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Electronic copies of the Bidding Documents may be downloaded free of charge by registered firms from Eastern Engineering through the Beam Longest and Neff plan room at http://www.blnplanroom.com. Further information will be posted there on the Job Details page of the job posting. If printed documents are desired, pricing will be listed on the Order page. Copies of any and all addenda which may be issued for this project shall be forwarded to all plan and specification holders of record. Printed bidding documents can also be purchased in person at Eastern Engineering Supply, 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana, 46038. Please call Eastern Engineering Supply if you have any questions and/or problems with ordering (317-598-0661).
Bids shall be submitted on the Bid Proposal and Itemized Proposal furnished to Bidders. All documents required in the Bidding Documents shall be properly completed, executed and submitted with the Bid Proposal including:
1) Bid Proposal along with the required Itemized Proposal and Form No. 96 as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, including a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan or plans for performing the Work, and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work;
2) Contractor's Signature Affidavit (if applicable);
3) Bidder shall file a certified check or Bid Bond with each Bid Proposal, in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the total bid amount, made payable to the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County, Indiana. The check or bond will be held by the Jefferson County Highway Department as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the contract with the Owner within ten (10) consecutive calendar days from the acceptance of the Bid Proposal, the Agreement as included in the Bidding Documents. Failure to enter into the contract will be cause for forfeiture of the sum of the check or bond.
4) A fully executed Legal Status of Bidder form;
5) A fully executed Non-Discrimination Affidavit;
6) A fully executed Non-Collusion Affidavit;
7) A Contractor's Affidavit of Subcontractors Employed;
8) Filed an Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addendum.
9) A fully executed E-Verify Affidavit; and
10) A fully executed Drug Testing Program form.
All Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned by the Owner upon selection of the successful Bidder. The certified check or Bid Bond of the successful Bidder shall be held until delivery of the fully executed Agreement, Performance Bond and Payment Bond.
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety, acceptable to the Owner and Engineer, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement.
The Contractor shall execute a Payment Bond to the Owner, approved by Owner and Engineer and for the benefit of the Owner, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, the subcontractor, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
Failure of a Bidder to enter into the Agreement, execute same and furnish an acceptable Payment Bond and Performance Bond, as hereinafter required, shall be cause for forfeiture of Contractor's certified check or Bid Bond as liquidated damages to the Owner. Bidder will not be permitted to withdraw its bid for sixty (60) days from the date of bid opening.
All out-of-state corporations must have a certificate of authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
The Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding process and to reject any and all bids. All bids submitted shall be valid for sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening.
By: /s/ Robert Phillips
Robert Phillips
Highway Superintendent
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Teams combine for 1 hit in 12-0 Owen win over Trimble

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Owen County and Trimble County combined for just one hit but errors proved to be the difference in Owen's 12-0 win in baseball Thursday in Owenton.

The Raiders managed only three walks against Owen starter Eli Rice, who struck out two batters while tossing five no-hit innings.

Trimble's Brayden Wilson, meanwhile, allowed just one hit while walking five and striking out one. But nine Raider errors led to 10 unearned runs.

On Friday, Williamstown broke up a 3-3 tie with two runs in the top of the eighth and held on for a 5-4 win at Trimble County.

Trimble, now 3-18 overall and 0-6 in the North Central Kentucky Conference, travels to Frankfort on Tuesday

Bray Taylor was 2-for-4 with a triple and a run scored for Trimble while Sam Galloway had two hits and two RBIs.

Alejandro Maldonado and Nate Hance each added hits.

Charlie Liter went all eight innings on the mound for the Raiders but suffered the loss after giving up five runs — just one earned — on two hits with six strikeouts and three walks.

Trimble, now 3-18 overall and 0-6 in the North Central Kentucky Conference, travels to Frankfort on Tuesday and closes out the regular season at Waggener on Wednesday.

Carroll baseball beats Pendleton after losses to Eminence, Scott

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County suffered back-to-back losses to Eminence and Scott before posting a win over Pendleton County on Saturday in baseball.

On Thursday, the Panthers were limited to just two runs in a 13-3 district loss to Eminence on the road. Colton Dietz had a hit and an RBI, Landon Isaacs had a hit and scored a run, Coy Willhoite had an RBI and Aden Stephenson and Dalten Wilson each scored a run.

Aden Stephenson suffered the loss in relief after allowing five earned runs on seven hits in an inning and two-thirds with a strikeout and two walks.

On Friday, Carroll suffered a 3-2 loss at Scott and on Saturday, the Panthers defeated Pendleton County 12-7. No details from either of those games were available.

Carroll, now 12-13 overall, falls to 2-3 in the North Central Kentucky Conference and 6-4 in the 31st District, travels to Western Hills on Tuesday and hosts Kentucky Country Day on Wednesday in its final regular season game.

Colts release Foles to create roster space, salary cap room

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts released veteran quarterback Nick Foles on Friday, saving about $2 million in salary cap space while creating room for the 12 rookies it added last week in the draft.

Foles lost both of his starts in 2022, his only season with the Colts. He left the second game with injured ribs, then missed Indy's final game also because of injured ribs. The release was expected after the Colts selected former Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson with the No. 4 overall pick.

The Super Bowl 52 MVP started 58 of 71 career games during an 11-year career that took him from Philadelphia to St. Louis to Kansas City, Philadelphia again, Jacksonville, Chicago and finally Indy. Foles completed 1,302 of 2,087 passes for 14,227 yards with 82 touchdowns and 47 interceptions after the Eagles drafted the former Arizona star in the third round in 2012.

Indy cut longtime veteran Matt Ryan in March after the four-time Pro Bowler struggled with turnovers last season.

Those two moves leave Indy with three quarterbacks on the depth chart — Richardson, Gardner Minshew and Sam Ehlinger, who was one of three starters the Colts used last season — and assures the team of having a seventh consecutive season with a different opening-day starter.

Ehlinger is entering his third season with the Colts after starring at Texas. Ehlinger and Foles both attended Westlake High School in Austin, Texas.

Foles' release was the latest in a flurry of roster moves this week.

Indy also announced before its rookie minicamp began Friday that it has signed seven draft picks — cornerback Darius Rush, safety Daniel Scott, tight end Will Mallory, running back Evan Hull, defensive end Titus Leo, cornerback Jaylon Jones and tackle Jake Witt. Scott, Rush, Mallory and Hull were fifth-round picks, Jones went in the sixth and Witt was taken in Round 7.

Indy also said it has signed 15 undrafted rookies including former guards Emil Ekiyor and Harris LaChance, four receivers and two linebackers.

Earlier this week, Indy waived defensive end Kameron Cline, tight ends Nikola Kalinic and Jalen Wydermyer, linebacker Forrest Rhyne, defensive tackle Chris Williams, running backs Darrynton Evans and Aaron Shampklin, cornerback David Vereen and receiver Kristian Wilkerson.

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Mage wins star-crossed Kentucky Derby amid 7th death

BY BETH HARRIS
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — After the deaths of seven thoroughbreds raised questions about the future of horse racing, Mage earned a surprising Kentucky Derby victory on Saturday, capping a nerve-rattling day that included two more fatalities ahead of the 149th edition of the world's most famous race.

Mage, a 15-1 shot, had only one win in his career, giving little indication that he could triumph against 17 rivals in a race that is not kind to the inexperienced.

Still, he made a gutsy stretch run, overtaking Two Phil's to his inside and winning by a length. Mage, who didn't race as a 2-year-old, ran 1 1/4 miles in 2:01.57.

Mage joined Justify (2018), Big Brown (2008) and Regret (2015) as Derby winners with just three previous starts.

"He proved today that it didn't matter," assistant trainer and co-owner Gustavo Delgado Jr. said.

The colt was in the skilled hands of Javier Castellano, a Hall of Fame jockey who hasn't been as in-demand lately. The 45-year-old Castellano snapped an 0-for-15 skid in the Derby.

"I never give up," Castellano said. "I always try hard to do the right thing. It took me a little while to get there. I finally got it."

Castellano and trainer Gustavo Delgado are from Venezuela. Mage joined Canonero II as Derby winners with Venezuelan ties. Canonero II won the Derby and Preakness in 1971.

Going into the backstretch, Mage was ahead of just three horses. Castellano and Mage began picking off the competition and on the far turn launched their run.

"Turning for home, he had a lot of heart," Castellano said. "He's a little horse with a big heart."

Two Phil's stormed to the lead at the top of the stretch. Mage swung to the outside and took aim on the leader. Mage passed him at the eighth-pole and went on to victory.

"Everything went according to plan," Delgado Jr. said. "This is the dream I have, a year-and-a-half ago, I wrote a note: 'We're going to win the Derby next year.' "

Forte, the early favorite, was scratched in the morning with a bruised foot, one of five horses that dropped out in the run-up to the race.

Mage paid $32.42, $14.58 and $9.08. The colt earned $1,860,000 for the biggest win of his brief career.

Two Phil's returned $10.44 and $6.52.

"Man, he tried so hard and ran his heart out," said Larry Rivelli, who trains Two Phil's.

Angel of Empire, the 4-1 favorite, was another half-length back in third in front of a crowd of 150,335 on a warm and partly cloudy day at Churchill Downs. He paid $4.70 to show.

Earlier in the day, Chloe's Dream, a 3-year-old gelding, and Freezing Point, a 3-year-old colt, were euthanized after being injured in their races, becoming the sixth and seventh horses to have died at the track in recent days.

"It's a very difficult subject to touch upon," said Ramiro Restrepo, part of Mage's ownership and a blood stock agent. "I'm sure there's going to be some investigations done as to the reason behind that, and hopefully that provides a few more answers."

The string of horse deaths was on the mind of some Derby-goers.

"It's concerning, and I hope they're quickly trying the best they can to correct whatever's going on," said Michael Freeze, who along with his friend dressed up as jockeys. "They need to do whatever is best for the horses, and the sport in general."

Chloe's Dream injured his right front knee, trainer Jeff Hiles told The Associated Press.

"He just took a bad step out there," Hiles said. "They could do the same thing running in the field as they could on the track. So it's very unfortunate. That's what we deal with."

Freezing Point suffered a left ankle injury in the Pat Day Mile, trainer Joe Lejzerowicz told the AP.

"He just got bumped in the backstretch," Lejzerowicz said. "He never took a bad step or bobble. He had a big heart."

New antidoping and medication rules enforced by a central governing body of the sport are scheduled to take effect May 22.

"All I can say is we do our best to take care of our horses. We treat them better than we treat our children. And we have full confidence in the soundness of our horse," Restrepo said. "We've been training here for two weeks, and he actually has been flourishing at this racetrack."

The deaths included Derby contender Wild On Ice.

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Horse deaths cast shadow as Triple Crown shifts to Preakness

BY GARY B. GRAVES
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A raging thunderstorm that washed out activities Sunday morning at Churchill Downs symbolized the dark clouds hanging over the Triple Crown after a troubling string of horse deaths.

Seven horses have died at the track since April 27, including Derby entrant Wild On Ice. Freezing Point and Chloe's Dream were euthanized after injuries before Saturday's Kentucky Derby that was ultimately won by Mage. Five sustained catastrophic leg injuries, while two succumbed suddenly from causes yet to be determined.

This spate of incidents comes four years after more than 30 horses died at Santa Anita racetrack in California. Those deaths shook up the industry and resulted in safety reforms such as the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA), which established a similarly lettered organization that set uniform safety and doping rules for thoroughbreds. A set of regulations are scheduled to take effect May 22.

The question for now is how the stunning occurrence of fatal injuries at the cathedral of horse racing affects the sport during its height of visibility with the Preakness and Belmont Stakes following over the next month. And, how horse racing responds.

"Everyone in the industry wants to make racing as safe as possible," Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher said Sunday. "And even in situations like that where right now everyone is doing everything they can to make sure the horses are going out there in the safest possible conditions, we still had two fatal breakdowns yesterday. It's something as a trainer that keeps you up at night."

Churchill Downs said in a statement Saturday night that it is working with the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority to investigate each death. A subsequent statement from the HISA organization said Chloe's Dream and Freezing Point "passed all inspections without incident" while being observed in the paddock and post parade.

An examination of factors including necropsies, preexisting health conditions, training sessions and inspection of track surfaces will take several weeks. Racetrack surface expert Mick Peterson, who has worked with Churchill Downs since 2008 and was once retained by HISA, said Sunday that the surface was consistent.

The director of the University of Kentucky's racetrack safety program added that the evaluation is ongoing to keep the track condition uniform and make needed improvements.

"We've got to look at every factor on that and get it so that we reduce the risk further and further and further to protect them," Peterson said. "But we need to learn more in order to understand whether this consistency is going to get us to the safety we need. And we need to keep improving it."

Concerns still hovered over the 149th Derby, which went off with the field reduced to 18 horses following five scratches in the days leading up. That list of defections included Pletcher-trained Forte, the initial favorite, on Saturday morning because of a bruised foot.

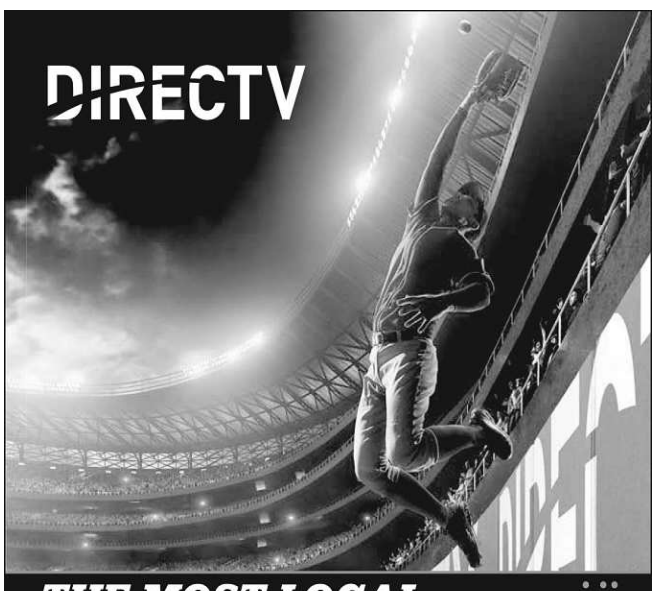
"I think he would have performed well (Saturday)," the trainer said. "Unfortunately, that wasn't an option."

Lying ahead for many trainers and ownership is whether to run horses in the Preakness on May 20 in Baltimore. The Triple Crown's second jewel is shorter at 1 3/16th mile but occurs just two weeks after the Derby compared to the typical one-month layoff.

Ramiro Restrepo, Mage's part-owner and a bloodstock agent, will watch the colt's workouts this week and consult trainers and other owners before deciding his immediate plans.

His colt's safety and well-being is always the priority, particularly after a tragic week of loss with the animals they're devoted to.

"We take care of them more than we take care of our children," said Restrepo, who expressed condolences to stables that have lost horses. "But we had a confidence in how the horse had been responding. So, we can only control what's in our barn and what's in front of us."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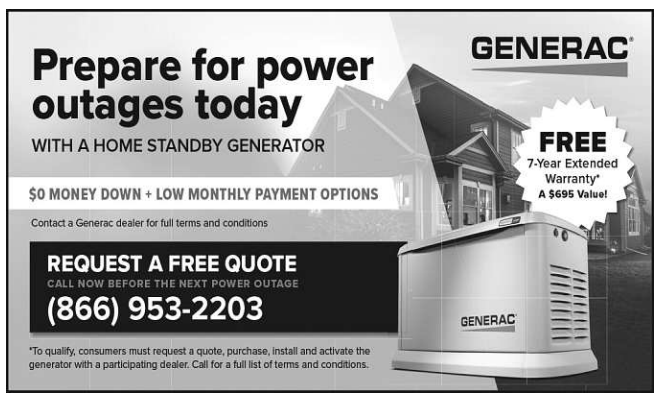
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Friedl's 3-run homer lifts Reds past White Sox 5-3

CINCINNATI — TJ Friedl hit a three-run homer and a run-scoring triple, helping the Cincinnati Reds top the Chicago White Sox 5-3 on Saturday.

Friedl's third homer — a drive to right-center against Mike Clevinger in the fifth inning — lifted Cincinnati to a 4-3 lead. He drove in Jonathan India with a two-out triple in the seventh.

India went 3 for 3 and scored three times. He walked ahead of Friedl's homer.

Derek Law (2-4) pitched 2 1/3 coreless innings in relief of Nick Lodolo, and Alexis Díaz got three outs for his sixth save.

Hanser Alberto and Seby Zavala homered for Chicago. Clevinger (2-3) was charged with four runs and six hits in six innings.

Reds third baseman Nick Senzel stranded a pair of runners in the first when he retired Andrew Benintendi with a diving stop. The White Sox left the bases loaded in the third.

Alberto tied it at 1 with his second homer in the second. Benintendi doubled home Luis Robert Jr. in the third, and Zavala's leadoff drive in the fourth made it 3-1 White Sox.

Lodolo allowed three runs and six hits in 3 2/3 innings. He hit three batters, struck out three and walked one.

Friedl's homer was the sixth allowed by Clevinger in the pitcher's last four starts. Clevinger has allowed 15 earned runs over his last four starts.

WHITE SOX 5, REDS 4

Luis Robert Jr. and Elvis Andrus homered, helping Lance Lynn and the Chicago White Sox beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-4 on Friday night.

Andrus erased a 3-0 deficit with a three-run shot in the fifth. Robert put the White Sox ahead to stay with a two-run drive against Hunter Greene in the sixth.

Lynn (1-4) was charged with four runs and eight hits in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out eight and walked none in his first win since Oct. 2.

Robert finished with three hits in Chicago's fourth win in five games.

Jonathan India hit a solo homer for Cincinnati. Greene (0-2) allowed five runs and seven hits in 5 2/3 innings.

TJ Friedl put the Reds in front with an RBI double in the third, but he was thrown out by right fielder Gavin Sheets when he tried for a triple. Replay overturned the initial safe call as Friedl's hand came off the bag during his slide.

Friedl also reached over the wall in right-center to rob Andrew Vaughn of a leadoff homer in the sixth.

Cincinnati opened a 3-0 lead on RBI singles by Jake Fraley and Nick Senzel in the fourth. But Greene surrendered Andrus' first homer since Oct. 4.

"It was a weird, frustrating night," Greene said. "My fastball, even though the velocity was there, it didn't have the same life in the last two innings."

The Reds put the potential tying run on base in the ninth, but Fraley strayed too far off first on Henry Ramos' routine fly to center. resulting in a double play on a throw from Robert.

Chastain's aggressive driving drawing ire of fellow NASCAR drivers

BY DAVE SKRETTA
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KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Ross Chastain used to be known primarily as the driver with the family roots in watermelon farming, and whose victory lane celebrations usually involved standing on the roof of his car and smashing a melon to pieces on the pavement.

Now, he's becoming known for an aggressive driving style that is repeatedly rubbing others the wrong way.

The latest incident came Sunday at Kansas Speedway, where Chastain first earned a torrent of expletives over the radio from Kyle Busch, then squeezed Noah Gragson into the wall with about 60 laps to go. The latter dust-up led to a wild scene on pit road, where Chastain threw a haymaker at Gragson and the two had to be pulled apart by security.

"I'm sick and tired of it," Gragson said afterward, while dropping a few expletives of his own. "The guy runs into everyone. When you have guys like Chase Elliott and other guys telling you to beat his ass, everyone is just sick of him."

The incident came six days after the NASCAR Cup Series ran its rain-delayed race at Dover, and Chastain got into the back of Brennan Poole, sending him up the track and taking Kyle Larson out of the race in the process.

Larson vented over his radio about Chastain while Poole was more pointed in his criticism during a televised interview.

"I haven't really seen the replay, but it felt like I just got ran over really for no reason 80 laps into the race," he said. "Doesn't make any sense to me. I guess that's something he's been known to do here recently. Probably needs to get his butt whooped."

Last month, Denny Hamlin had a $50,000 fine and 25-point penalty upheld after he acknowledged on his weekly podcast that he intentionally wrecked Chastain on the last lap of the Phoenix race in March.

"I got no respect from him," said Hamlin, who won Sunday's race at Kansas, "so I chose not to give him any."

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Two of the horses were trained by Saffie Joseph Jr. He was indefinitely suspended by the track, although investigators have yet to determine a cause for the deaths of his horses.

A relieved Tim Yakteen, who trained Reincarnate to a 13th-place finish, said,

"The most important thing is the horse came out of it OK."

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, a two-time Triple Crown winner, is nearing the end of a two-year ban issued by Churchill Downs Inc. One of his horses, Medina Spirit, crossed the finish line first in the 2021 Derby and failed a post-race drug test. The horse was disqualified and Baffert was punished.

In 2019, over 30 horse deaths occurred at California's Santa Anita racetrack, rattling the industry and leading to safety reforms.

Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Rick Dutrow had his license revoked in 2011 for 10 years by New York officials.

Regulators found syringes loaded with unauthorized medication in a desk in his barn.

Dutrow served his punishment and re-opened his stable last month.

Four horses were scratched — Practical Move, Lord Miles, Continuar and Skinner — in recent days. Practical Move and Skinner had fevers, while Continuar wasn't in peak condition, according to his Japanese trainer. Lord Miles was Joseph's Derby horse.

Disarm was fourth, followed by Hit Show, Japan-based Derma Sotogake, Tapit Trice and Raise Cain, Rocket Can, Confidence Game, Sun Thunder, Japan's Mandarin Hero, Reincarnate, Kingsbarns, King Russell, Verifying, Jace's Road and Cyclone Mischief.

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